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COMMENT OF THE DAY

First Things First

IF it was Mr. Molotov's intention to spread early disillusionment over the outcome of the four power talks in Berlin he has certainly gone the right way about achieving it. There was neither conciliation nor the spirit of compromise to be found associated with his opening speech at the conference. He ignored completely Mr. Eden's offer on behalf of the Western Powers to guarantee Soviet security, and instead launched in a dreary repetition of demanding application of the Potsdam and Yalta agreements which, he knows full well, circumstances have now rendered impracticable and inapplicable to the problems of the day. That Mr. Molotov's proposed three-point agenda places consideration of a Five Power conference, the German question and an Austrian peace treaty in that order need occasion no surprise; it was expected. What is disappointing and frustrating is Mr. Molotov's attitude of intractability and the manner in which he is already injecting propaganda into the discussions. Public opinion in the Western world has rightly insisted that every endeavour should be made to persuade Russia to a conference. Great patience has been shown—and also much swallowing of diplomatic discourtesies which, carried to the very preliminaries of the talks, appeared to be tactical losses to the Big Three. Yet it was felt those would not matter if Russia displayed some sweet reasonableness at the discussions, accompanied by an early show of good intentions. Unfortunately, nothing that Mr. Molotov said yesterday helped in any way to justify those hopes.

THAT the conference has got off to a disappointing start is wholly the fault of Mr. Molotov. Both Mr. Eden and Mr. Bidault expressed themselves in tones of moderation and jointly held out an olive branch to the Russian representative which he brusquely rejected. Nevertheless, it would be wrong to assume that the talks are destined to break down before they have a chance of really getting under way. Mr. Molotov's proposed agenda is not in itself wholly unacceptable; only the order of the subjects. The Big Three have never rejected the suggestion of a five power conference (including Communist China) being at some time in the future convened, but they do insist that the current Big Four talks shall first deal with the German problem and the Austrian peace treaty, and if Mr. Molotov is prepared to revise the order of his proposed agenda, it will be possible for the four foreign ministers to settle down to earnest business at the Berlin conference. It will be the task of Mr. Dulles today to try and persuade Mr. Molotov to adopt a realistic appreciation of the prime designs of the conference. There is plenty of room for sensible compromise on both sides. There must also be patience. The issues are of paramount importance to the whole of Europe and any progress towards their solution will have a beneficial effect on the international situation generally. Mr. Molotov is in a position to hasten that progress by agreeing to put first things first, namely tackling the German and Austrian questions, while the Western Powers can make their contribution to the same end by indicating a willingness to expand the talks into a five power conference should there be useful results from the Berlin discussions.

FIVE-POWER TALKS A "MUST"

SAYS MOLOTOV Demands Inclusion Of Communist China INDULGES IN TIRADE AT BERLIN CONFERENCE

Berlin, Jan. 25. A hard-hitting, outspoken Soviet Foreign Minister tonight bluntly told the foreign ministers of the three great Western nations that, in the eyes of the rulers in the Kremlin, top priority must be given to a five-power conference with Communist China.

The Soviet government, declared the Soviet Foreign Minister, was prepared to make a concrete proposal on the calling of such a conference to take place some time after the Berlin conference.

M. Vyacheslav Molotov, speaking at the opening session of the Berlin conference immediately after the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, went straight into a forceful resume of Soviet complaints against the West. He spoke at such length — 20 duplicator-typed pages, including a French and English version distributed with the original Russian copy — that the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, was forced, despite Soviet objections, to postpone his introductory speech until tomorrow.

M. Molotov's opening speech took the conference by surprise. In it he renewed all the classic allegations made by the Soviet Union against the West and caused considerable disappointment in the American camp, which had warmly welcomed the short, conciliatory speeches of M. Bidault and the British Foreign Secretary.

In view of the tenor of the Soviet stand, Mr. Dulles announced that he would postpone his opening statement, as he could not leave unanswered what he regarded as "classic and stale allegations" in M. Molotov's remarks.

Greatly disappointed by another repetition of the intractable Soviet viewpoint, as an American spokesman tonight called it, it was announced that Mr. Dulles, who had drafted a conciliatory speech in keeping with the tone of the British and French delegations, would answer M. Molotov tomorrow and would try to put the conference back on the right track.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, in a renewal of former attacks against American bases and the European defence community, called on the four foreign ministers to give top priority at the Berlin talks to a five-power conference with Communist China.

In a three-point proposed agenda, M. Molotov placed the German question and, thirdly, an Austrian state treaty.

The Foreign Minister told the three Western foreign ministers that because the Chinese People's Republic, which he called the "legitimate representative of the Chinese people," was not represented in the United Nations, no important step relating to world security could be adopted.

CRITICISES US

M. Molotov vigorously criticised the United States, which he held responsible for keeping Communist China outside of the United Nations.

He commented that a five-power meeting, in his opinion, was indispensable to put an end to the armaments race.

This race, he asserted, had been started by the United States. "Certain powers," he continued, "are carrying out long-range plans which have the aim of setting up military bases on foreign territory far from their own borders. It is said that they do this for defensive ends, although these who listen to them and those who make such statements do not believe it."

"It is clear to everybody," declared M. Molotov, "that the setting up of American military bases in many European countries, in North Africa and on the territory of certain countries of the Near East and Middle East have nothing in common with defensive purposes."

Returning to the China issue, M. Molotov declared that an agreement in Korea was difficult precisely because the existence of Communist China was being ignored.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

He denounced what he called gross violations of the Korean armistice agreement referring to prisoners and added, with great emphasis, "There is not a

Invite China, Urges Daily Express

London, Jan. 26. The right-wing Daily Express declared today that Britain's part in the Berlin conference should be to use her influence to bring China to the conference table.

This mass circulation newspaper added: "It may be said that Molotov's first remark on arriving in Berlin stressed the value of Chinese participation, so that to invite China, it would be to give Russia a diplomatic victory."

"This is a petty and short-sighted view. It is far more important to remember that Russia, with a long frontier in Asia, with worry her, is unlikely to make peace in Europe until she can see the outlines of a settlement in the Far East."

"And settlement in the Far East cannot be reached without China,"—Reuter.

SABOTAGE ABOARD CARRIER

London, Jan. 26. A new case of sabotage was discovered tonight aboard the British aircraft carrier, HMS Indefatigable, at present lying off Portland.

An Admiralty spokesman said that the dial of the boiler-room equipment had been smashed, but added that the damage had done no harm to the carrier's sea-going functions.

This was the fourth case of sabotage discovered aboard HMS Indefatigable.

In the three previous cases, a cable was cut, the ship's telephone network was damaged and an oil tank was drained.

Similar cases of sabotage were recently discovered aboard the 13,500-ton carrier, HMS Warrior, the destroyer, Barren, and a submarine repair ship.—France-Press.

Churchill, A Marksman

London, Jan. 25. Seventy-nine-year-old British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, today picked up the new Belgian .30 self-loading rifle—and so the surprise of army officers present, hit the target every time.

Visiting an army range near Chequers, his country home, Sir Winston decided to test the new rifle with which the British army and other Atlantic forces will be equipped. A former cavalry officer at the turn of the century, Sir Winston rattled the target with the skill of a born marksman.

Later, army officers learned that the Prime Minister had already had the new gun to pieces at his official residence in London, 10 Downing Street, to study its mechanism.

The new rifle can be used for single shots or as an automatic in freezing weather or during an unexpected emergency.—France-Press.

Dishonourable Discharge

Washington, Jan. 25. The Defence Department today ordered the Army to give dishonourable discharges to the 21 Americans who refused to come home from Communist captivity in Korea.

In announcing this action, the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles Wilson, said it would immediately end all pay and allowances for the individuals and eliminate them from any accumulated veterans' benefits.

Mr. Wilson said that he had instructed the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens, to review the cases of any of the 21 who might at some future time return to the United States.—Reuter.

Police Fire On Strikers

Bombay, Jan. 25. One strikers was killed and six were injured today when police opened fire on 5,000 demonstrators outside a strike being held in the city.—United Press.

Father Is Convicted Of Manslaughter

Miami, Florida, Jan. 25. Husky Russell Tongay was convicted of manslaughter today in the high-dive death of his swimming star daughter and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

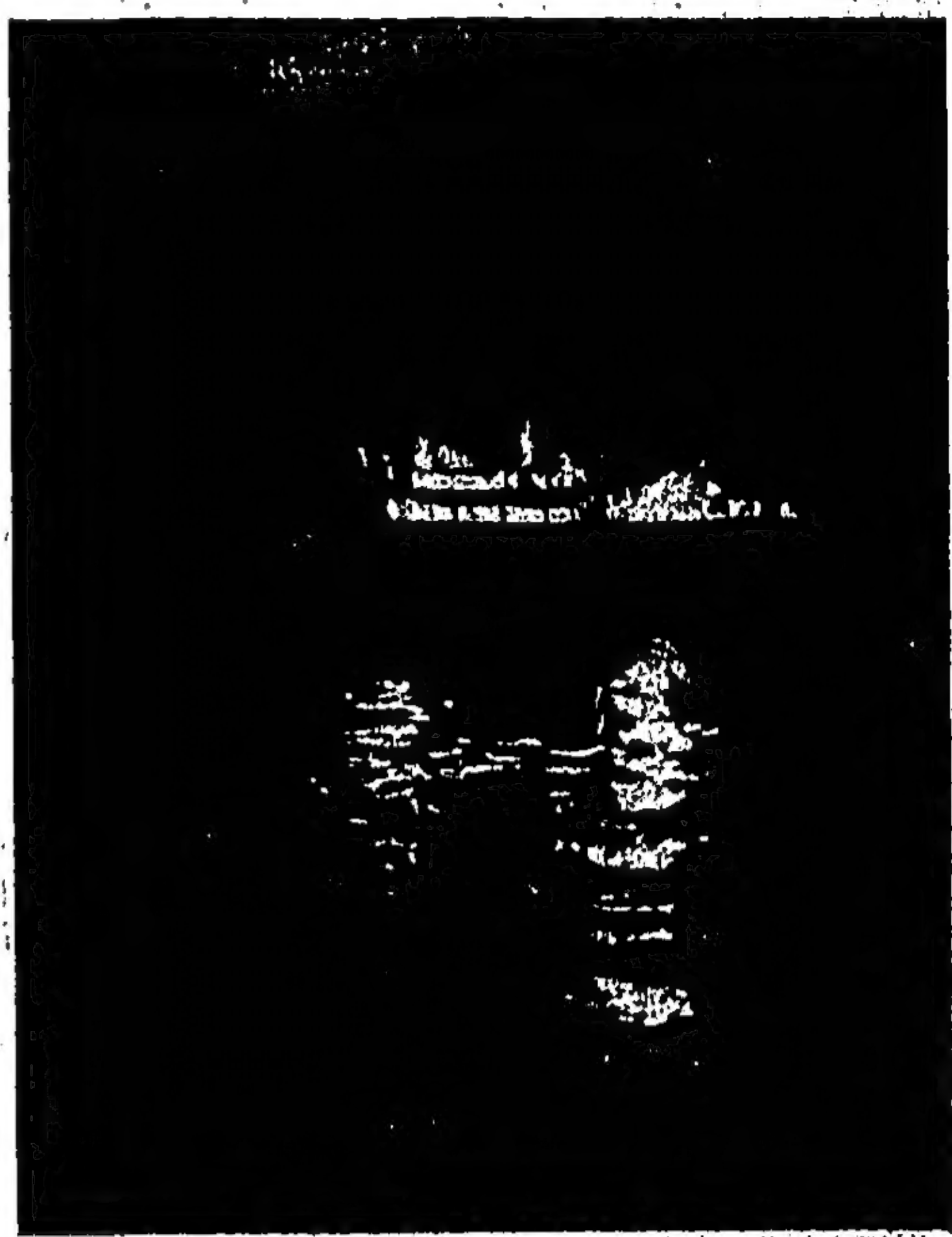
An all-male Circuit Court jury deliberated less than an hour before it returned a verdict of guilty against the 25-year-old former Coast Guardsman, who had been pictured as a drill-master who made his children perform difficult aquatic feats.

His weeping wife, the main witness for the defence, was in the courtroom when the verdict was returned. Tongay himself appeared imperturbable, as he had through most of the four-day trial.

Judge Willard fixed the punishment for Tongay at 10 years hard labour.

In his summation, the assistant Prosecutor, A. C. Dressler, asserted that for purely "selfish gain" Tongay put his children through perilous routines in their "Aquatics" act.

The child Keith, died last May 6, several hours after a high dive which the State contended resulted in a fatal injury.—United Press.



Fifty-eight men and women were rescued by lifeboat from a flame-swept Navy oil tanker in the Bristol Channel last week. The ship was then abandoned, blazing furiously in the moonlight. This graphic aerial picture shows the tanker as the flames swept the whole stern of the vessel, lighting up the ripple-surfaced Bristol Channel.—Daily Express Photo.

Hemingway Describes His Two Amazing Escapes

Entebbe, Uganda, Jan. 25. Ernest Hemingway arrived in Entebbe today clutching a bunch of bananas and a bottle of gin after surviving two plane crashes in the elephant country of Uganda.

His head was swathed in bandages and his arm was injured, but the celebrated American author quipped: "My luck — she is running very good."

With him was his wife Mary. She had two cracked ribs and was limping as the 55-year-old Hemingway helped her tenderly from a car that brought them here from Butiaba, 170 miles away.

Although he declined an offer to fly out of the jungles right after his second crash yesterday, Mr. Hemingway said with a grin as he would fly again as soon as he finds another plane.

He waved a swollen arm, wrapped in a torn shirt, and appeared to be in high spirits as he brushed aside the nearly tragic crashes.

He joked with his wife, saying he was having a "good time" as they camped overnight near the wreckage of the first plane that crashed-landed on Saturday near Murchison Falls on the Upper Nile.

HELD THEIR BREATH

"We held our breaths about two hours while an elephant 12 paces away was silhouetted in the moonlight, listening to my wife's moans," he roared.

Mrs. Hemingway, the former war correspondent Mary Welsh of Chicago, smiled.

"And when we woke her," continued Mr. Hemingway "with a wave of the gin bottle," she said, "I never saw it. I replied, 'So what the elephant?'"

Mr. Hemingway then gave his imitation of the howl of a wild dog to illustrate how he "talked" with the animals that poked around their campfire in the wilds on Saturday night.

"Every animal detects the wild dog," he explained. "When you howl, all the animals answer, then you know where they are."

Mr. Hemingway, who has lived "as dangerously" as the heroes of his staccato action, was examined by a doctor at Butiaba, 170 miles from the scene of the second plane crash. An X-Ray was advised but apparently he was not badly hurt.

The first crash occurred when a Cessna piloted by Roy Marsh cracked up near a 400-foot falls while making an emergency landing. Search pilots who flew over reported birds of elephants dangerously near.

The second crash occurred on Sunday after the Hemingways had hitch-hiked by tourist steamer down the Nile to Butiaba. That plane, piloted by T. R. Cartwright, ground-looped into a steep plantation and caught fire.

Mr. Hemingway's gay entry into Butiaba marked the wildly improbable climax of a week's adventure that even the smugged

HUGE BLAZE AT RUBBER PLANT

Toronto, Jan. 25. Fire swept through a stockpile of 1,000,000 reconditioned tyres at a rubber plant today, causing an estimated \$1,000,000 damage in Toronto's worst fire in several years.

Firemen said the blaze, which gutted the National Rubber Company plant in the city's West End, may smoulder for two days.—United Press.

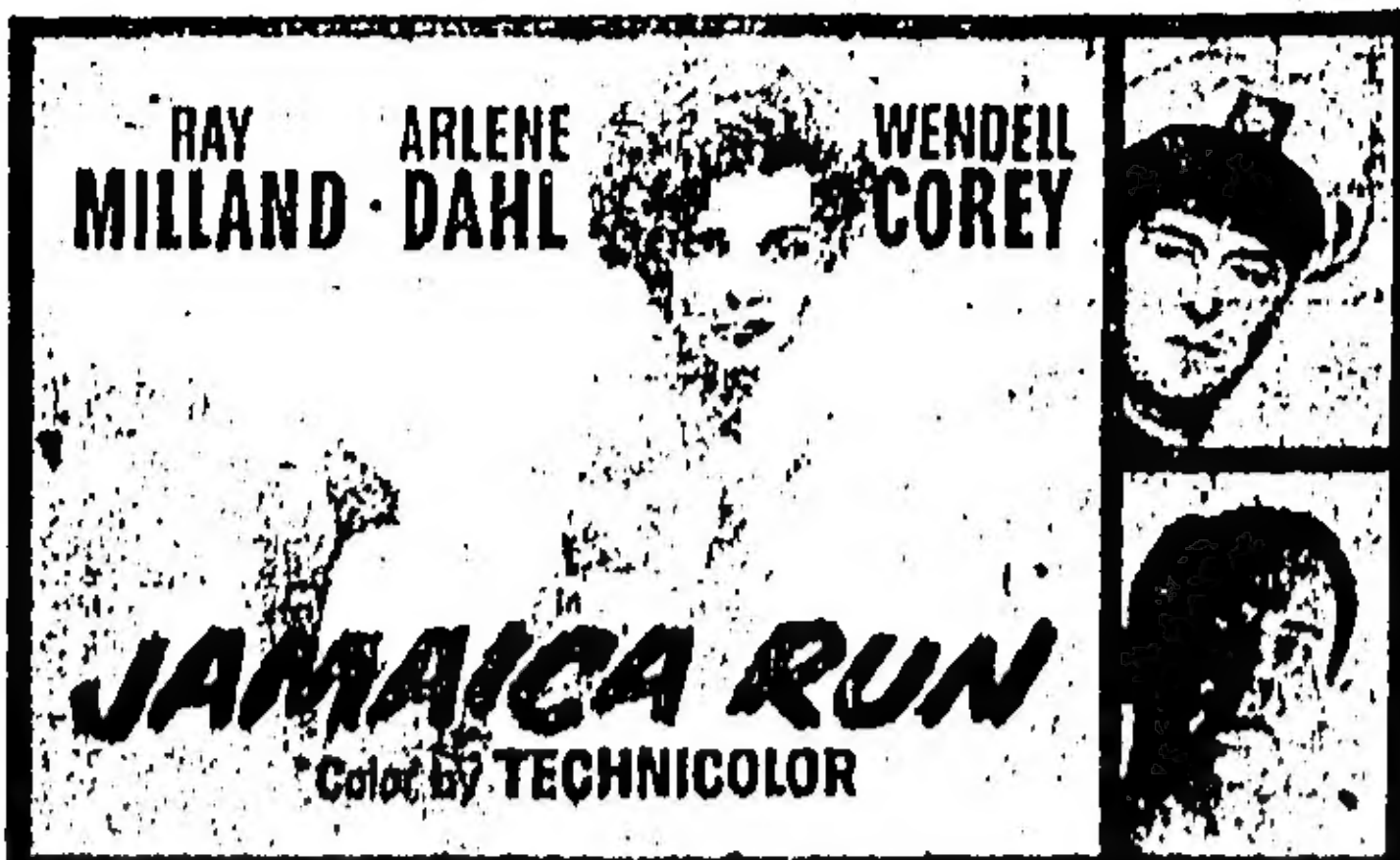
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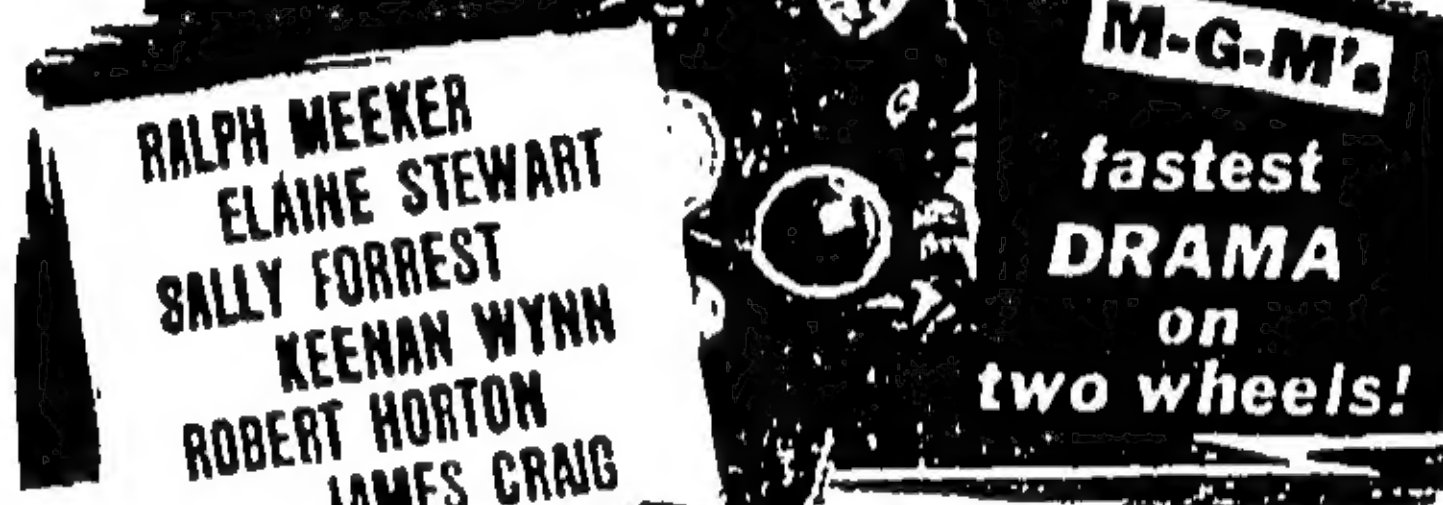
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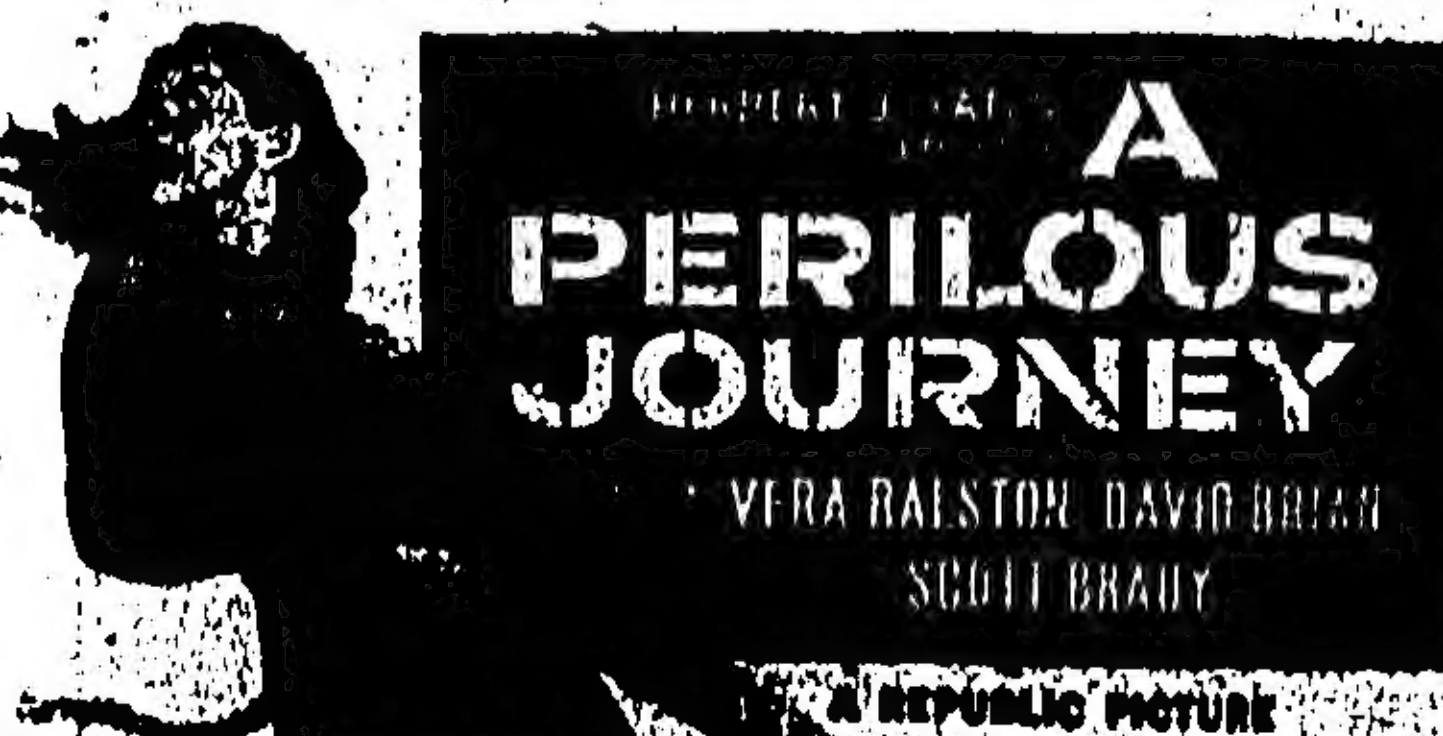
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"Incidents" Are Jeopardising Canal Talks SHOOTINGS & BLOCKADE ON GOODS FOR ISRAEL

The recent incidents in the Suez Canal Area resulting in the shooting of British soldiers were jeopardising the success of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Canal, the British Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, said in the House of Commons yesterday.

He also spoke on Egyptian attempts to extend its blockade on goods to Israel passing through the Canal and said the British Government was considering "the general question of freedom through the Suez Canal."

The Egyptian authorities could prevent both "the recent wave of incidents" and the blockade on goods to Israel "if they so wish."

Plan To Help Americans Buy Homes

Washington, Jan. 28. President Eisenhower today submitted to Congress a broad new housing programme aimed at helping American families of all races, creeds and income levels acquire "decent homes in wholesome neighbourhoods."

Mr Eisenhower also disclosed he soon would submit a re-organisation plan designed to bring the present "loosely knit" Federal agencies into a single organisation under "firmer central control."

Mr Eisenhower's proposals include the setting aside of nearly \$1,000,000,000 in Federal aid funds for "renovation" of run-down neighbourhoods and elimination of slums.

He also proposed a construction rate of 140,000 new low-rent public housing units over the next four years at a rate of 35,000 a year, compared to the present rate of 20,000 a year—United Press.

ITALY'S TREATY WITH JAPAN

Rome, Jan. 28. The Italian Foreign Office announced today that Italy would see a "true and proper treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation" with Japan. The spokesman said that the decision resulted from the satisfactory solution of "questions of major urgency" that were the objects of Italian and Japanese negotiations for the conclusion of a provisional "modus vivendi"—United Press.

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"Let's Call It Elizabeth"

Melbourne, Jan. 26. Some residents of Australia's Northern Territory want the name changed to Elizabeth. Names of other Australian states or capitals, such as Adelaide, Melbourne, Victoria, Queensland, have a royal or near-royal flavour and those living in the hinterland thought it a good idea to link the Royal Tour with a change to Elizabeth. But Federal Ministers in Canberra, already sounded on the proposal, have not taken it seriously.—China Mail Special.

"Disastrous" To Ship US Arms To Arabs

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 25. Shipment of American arms to the Arab States would be a "disastrous blunder," Rabbi Irving P. Miller of New York told the Zionist Organisation of America last night.

Rabbi Miller, ZOA President, said he failed "to comprehend how peace and stability would be brought about by the arming of states which have openly proclaimed their aggressive designs against Israel."

"It would not only fail to advance the best interests of our country, but would actually undermine the major objectives of American policy in the Middle East," he said.

He was speaking to members of ZOA's National Administrative Council at their closing meeting. The Council accepted his remarks as its policy.

Rabbi Miller said the American position and interests in the Israel region could best be served by the maintenance and expansion "of our government's fine programme of economic aid to all the countries of the Middle East."

PILGRIMAGE

"The Arab peoples should be helped by raising their standards of living and of health, by the strengthening of their economies; by the introduction of democratic ideas into their backward societies. This is the way to build for a lasting peace between Israel and the Arab states," he added.

The meeting proclaimed 1954 as Herzl Anniversary Year, the 50th year since the death of Dr Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement.

Mr Abraham Goodman, Chairman of the ZOA Inner Committee and National Chairman of ZOA's tourist department, reported that about 100,000 American Jews would visit Israel during the year to pay homage to Herzl at his tomb on top of the mountain named for him in Jerusalem.—United Press.

Two Soldiers To Be Discharged

Nairobi, Jan. 25. Two young British soldiers said to have been led astray by European women old enough to be their mothers were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment and dishonourably discharged from the Army by a Nairobi court-martial today on charges of armed robbery, theft and A.W.O.L.

Corporal Kenneth Foster, 20, Royal Corps of Signals, of Sunderland, and Fusilier Arthur Burgess, 22, Royal Inniskilling, of Norwich, held up a bar at Nakuru and stole £30.—France-Press.

Mouth Cancer Attributed To Chewing Tobacco

New York, Jan. 25. The American Cancer Society today reported that chewing tobacco and snuff had been found to be associated with cancers of the mouth in one group of patients studied by a research team.

Twenty-six of 40 men with mouth cancer, the report said, were found to have chewed tobacco or taken snuff for many years. Fifteen of 23 patients with mouth leukoplakia, a condition which some doctors consider pre-cancerous, were tobacco chewers. The study showed mouth cancers usually developed after 15 years or more of continuous exposure of the mouth lining.

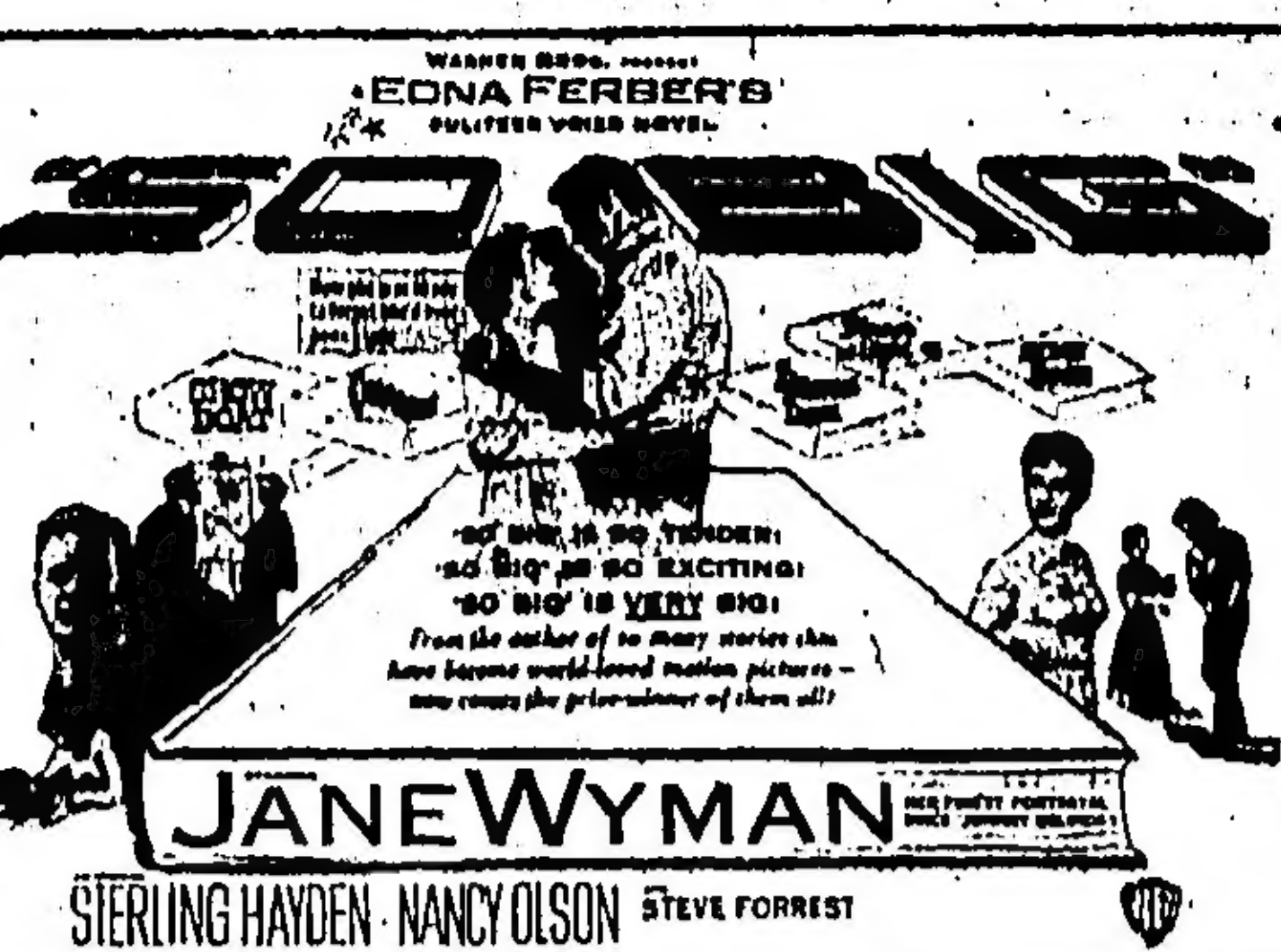
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CRUCIAL STAGE IN CHURCHILL'S LONG CAREER

Retirement Hangs On Outcome Of Big Four Talks

The success or failure of the Berlin Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference may determine the date of retirement of Sir Winston Churchill from political life, informed sources in London believe.

These sources say success at Berlin could conceivably lead to the high-level meeting of heads of states which Sir Winston favours.

The United Press correspondent said in a cable from London last night, "any other than Sir Winston's squat beaming figure representing John Bull at such a conference would be inconceivable if his health permitted. He is the last of the Big Three who shaped the fortunes of World War II."

When Sir Winston does retire it seems certain the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will succeed him despite the growing popularity of and favouritism for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler.

Somerset Maugham Is 80

London, Jan. 25. Somerset Maugham, 80, celebrated his 80th birthday today in his luxury hotel suite here by opening hundreds of letters and telegrams of congratulations.

Mr. Maugham came to London last Friday for a special round of celebration. He will return on Wednesday to France where he has been living for many years, "for peace and quiet," China Mail Special.

Wage Cut For Malayan Rubber Workers

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 25. Wage cuts for Malaya's 300,000 rubber workers were announced yesterday by the government arbitrator, Mr. Justice Taylor, ending a two-month deadlock between estate employers and union officials.

The slash would amount to a reduction of 25 cents (Straits currency) in the daily wages of rubber tappers and 15 cents for field workers.

Spokesman for the Malayan Planting Industries Employers' Association, Mr. G. D. Haught, announced that the award was "satisfactory" to management representatives.

The Chairman of the Pan-Malayan Rubber Workers' Union, P. P. Narayanan, declined to comment, saying the union would study the arbitration award before issuing a statement.

It was apparent, however, that there was widespread discontent in union circles.

Under the arbitration award the new wage will remain in effect so long as rubber prices remain under 60 cents a pound.

—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle

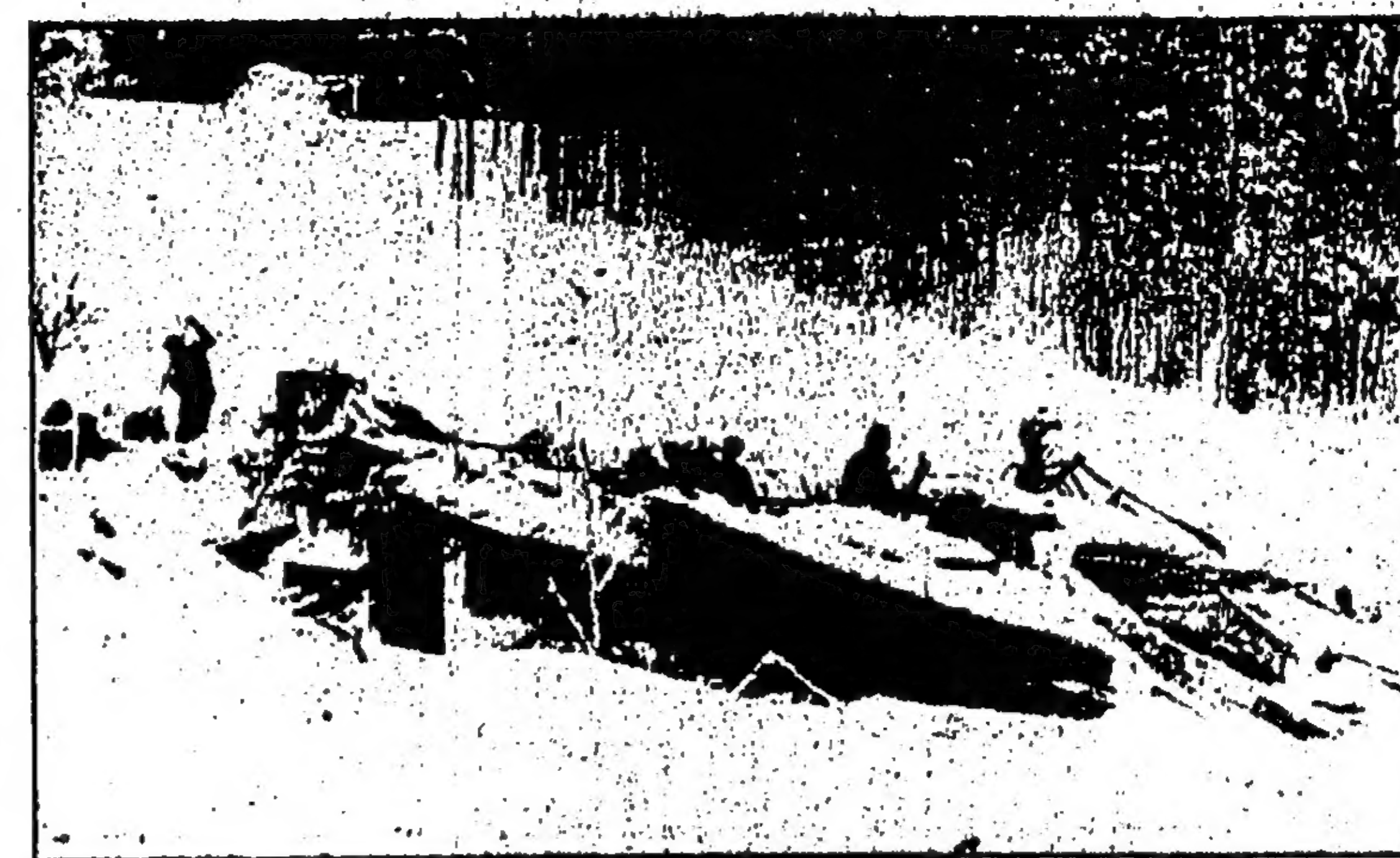


- ACROSS
- 3 Kitchen sideboards (8).
 - 8 Sully (8).
 - 9 Pine (8).
 - 11 Trespasses (8).
 - 12 Fibber (4).
 - 13 Hinder (8).
 - 18 Ventures (5).
 - 22 Eager (4).
 - 22 Military unit (8).
 - 24 Worn away (8).
 - 25 Take away (8).
 - 26 Propositions (8).

- DOWN
- 1 On the move (5).
 - 2 Anger (5).
 - 3 Weakened (7).
 - 4 Peruse (4).
 - 5 Droops (4).
 - 6 Magic liquid (6).
 - 7 Globe (6).
 - 10 Freshen (5).
 - 14 Demolished (5).
 - 15 Dwells (7).
 - 16 Lucky charm (6).
 - 17 Hark (6).
 - 20 Evil spirit (5).
 - 21 Precipitous (5).
 - 22 Bellow (4).
 - 23 Marches (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 3 Tallman, 7 Rover, 8 Altered, 10 Monte, 13 Extreme, 15 Tame, 17 Pleased, 18 Blashed, 20 Cede, 21 Resumes, 22 Reel, 24 Escorted, 25 Rigid, 26 Mattress. Down: 1 Prime, 2 Evend, 3 Trees, 4 Idle, 5 Method, 6 Nodded, 8 Tumbler, 11 Kalle, 12 Arise, 14 Eldon, 15 Tangle, 16 Motes, 18 Scorn, 19 Adversity, 20 Linger, 21 Midge, 22 Rude, 23 Soot.

This Was A Hotel



Rescue and salvage teams at work digging in the ruins of the completely destroyed Hotel Kaiserhof, Switzerland, after the avalanche, which swept the town recently. A number of the visitors to the hotel saved their lives by being in the wine cellar at the time of the avalanche. —Central Press.

US Should Use Red China As A "Bargaining Point" Says Republican

Topeka, Kansas, Jan. 25. One-time Republican nominee for President, Mr. Alf M. Landon, said today the United States could and should use the question of Red China's United Nations admission as a potent international bargaining point.

The Law Fights The Parents For The Life Of A Child

London, Jan. 25. An eight-year-old girl's parents—both members of the religious sect, Jehovah's Witnesses—fought with law enforcement officers today over a blood transfusion she may need to recover from injuries suffered when she was hit by a car.

The Crown's Counsel, C.C. Savage, said he had made "no progress" in persuading Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frudham, to approve the transfusion, even after warning them they might face manslaughter charges if their daughter Margaret died.

Mr. Savage said he was investigating the possibility of making the child a temporary ward of the Children's Aid Society under provisions of the Children's Protection Act.

Margaret suffered a fractured pelvis and a damaged kidney when she was hit on Thursday by a skidding car.

"UNSCRIPTURAL"

The doctors have not decided definitely whether an operation is necessary, but said they could not perform one unless a transfusion was given.

Frudham, a bricklayer, said a blood transfusion was "unscriptural."

"I would have no pangs of remorse for my action if Margaret died," he said. "If I decided differently, it would be a crime against the child. According to our teachings, if I go down to destruction, my children will go down to destruction with me while they are still under age. I am only standing by the word of the Lord. This is His teaching." —United Press.

Stained Glass Window For Four Famous Women

London, Jan. 26. Four famous English women will be honoured by a stained-glass window soon to be unveiled in an historic, but little-known, London Church.

The women, Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, Josephine Butler and Edith Cavell, already have their place in history. Fry, a pioneer nurse and social reformer, was the first woman to be elected to the House of Commons.

Now their memorial has been placed in the rebuilt church of St. Olave, in Hart Street, in the City of London.

This small parish church, which opened in 1891, was heavily damaged in German bombing raids in 1941. The new stained-glass window, designed by the artist, John Piper, was unveiled on January 25.

Josephine Butler (1828-1906), author and social reformer, was the champion of "fallen" women and a fearless opponent of the white slave trade.

Mau Mau Losses Mounting

Nairobi, Jan. 25. Seventy-eight Mau Mau terrorists were killed last week and 67 captured, including 20 wounded, the East African general headquarters announced tonight.

During the same period 23 loyal Africans were killed and five wounded.

An African who failed to halt when challenged by the police was shot dead today in the industrial area of Nairobi where men of the Kenya Regiment had been carrying out a large-scale sweep.

Nairobi security forces had been strengthened by extra British troops whose presence had beneficial results, a senior Police officer said today. —France-Press.

Malenkov Hears Report On Agriculture

Paris, Jan. 25. Radio Moscow reported tonight the Soviet Premier, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, President Kliment Voroshilov, Communist Party Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev and other leading Government and Party officials today attended a meeting of leaders of agricultural machinery and tractor stations at the Kremlin.

The radio said some 2,100 directors, farm engineers and heads of collective farms who attended the meeting heard a report by the Agricultural Minister, Mr. Ivan Benediktov, on decisions made by the Government and the Party on Sept. 21, 1953 and their application and on appropriate ways to increase the output of machinery and tractor stations in 1954.

Last December, Benediktov had been attacked by Pravda, official organ of the Party, for his Ministry's lack of organization. —France-Press.

Col. McCaffrey Dead

Montclair, N.J., Jan. 25. Colonel George McCaffrey, one of the Army's top authorities on military government, died of a heart attack today at the Castle Point, New York, Veterans Hospital, where he was being treated for tuberculosis contracted in Korea.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN ARE NOT TO BE LEFT OUT

A Mother Of Six Is Going To Search For Oil

Perth, W. Australia, Jan. 26. Two Australian women are forming a team to undertake one of the toughest of mining assignments — the discovery of oil.

They are Mrs. Joyce Jackson, formerly one of Perth's leading amateur actresses and still well-known for her appearances in radio drama, and Mrs. Margaret Heavey, a graduate of the University of Western Australia and until recently lecturer in geology at the Perth Technical College.

A syndicate, known as Jackson Explorations, has been registered in the name of Mrs. Jackson, an Auburn-based mother of six, who hopes to complete her team with a woman chemist and a woman paleontologist.

Jackson Explorations has asked for a permit to seek oil in the Great Southern district, near Albany, on the southern coast, half a continent away from where Australia's first oil strike was made in December at Exmouth Gulf on the northwest coast.

The syndicate is the result of a husband-and-wife hobby-interest in geology. Both Mrs. Jackson and her husband indulged their hobby in the Albany district six years ago, when Mr. Jackson was recuperating from an illness.

They collected specimens and sent one of them abroad for analysis. It proved to be asphaltum, an ore closely identified with petroleum.

Reports of oil "indications" in the district have been made for many years and following the Syndicate's application for a search permit, Mrs. Jackson received scores of letters from residents offering to show her where they had found indications of the presence of oil.

Any exploration permit is good for two years, but may be renewed from year to year or renewed with modifications to the area. The permit is described as one which enables an operator to test an area to obtain scientific information.

The women's team hopes to begin its search soon after a permit is granted. Their task will be a marathon one and their equipment will contrast vastly with that of the heavily financed groups which, well advanced in their projects, are pouring money and men into their search for "liquid gold."

But their enterprise will be welcomed by Australians anxious to see that the nation's resources are exploited wherever they lie. —China Mail Special.

Western Australia shows portions of the area, which, incidentally, runs six miles out to sea, to be similar geological structure to the Exmouth Gulf area.

The country will be far more pleasant to work than either the desolate Kimberley or the Exmouth Gulf areas which have been the focus of oil search operations in Western Australia up to the present.

It is fairly closely settled with a well developed system of roads and railways. Unlike the parched north of the State, it has a plentiful rainfall.

It is, however, densely wooded and this would be a handicap to the oil searchers.

One of the few male members of the syndicate is former Imperial Army officer, Captain Roland Everett who, during World War I, was in Mesopotamia and Persia and saw a good deal of the oil operations in those countries.

He said he has been most impressed by the signs of oil in the Syndicate's prospective search area. He intends to leave soon for London where, he says, he is well-known in financial circles and believes that he could raise the finance needed for a major drilling programme if such were likely to prove successful.

GOOD FOR 2 YEARS

If the Syndicate is granted an exploration permit, it will be allowed to carry out the search, including scout drilling operations, in an area which, under West Australian mining legislation, must not be less than 1,000 square miles.

London, Jan. 25. Recruits for the British regular army last year totalled 30,093, compared with 43,071 in 1952, it was announced today.

The 1952 figure was the highest for 20 years. —Reuter.

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**RETURN from the
SLAVE-CAMPS**

A report on 10,000
homecomings without
a smile...after 9 years

Hunger-strikers organise to defy the Russians

I REMAIN in awe of the Germans. Their bubble of omnipotence was pricked as Hitler went down in Wagnerian magnificent madness in his Berlin bunker.

But the ragged remnants of the once great army who came back to Friedland told one story at least which exhibits their rigid obedience and alarming discipline.

In December 1949 more than a thousand prisoners of war in a camp near Stalingrad were sentenced to "conical terms" of 25, 20 and 15 years imprisonment.

Although the Germans knew that this was a trap, formally approved, to engage them in slave labour on construction jobs and in coal mines, to assist Soviet economy, they decided that a protest was worth it.

A hunger strike was called. Now there was no central organisation in the camp, no committee, no constitutional body to give directions and instructions.

In the barracks of the camp German generals were living alongside corporals, sergeants and privates. But the spirit of the protest quickly made itself apparent. And on January 1, 1950, the hunger strike began.

Trick fails

IT is interesting to note that the Russians, about whom many stories of brutality have been told, made no attempt to break the strike by force. They isolated the barracks.

On the second morning of the strike they went into Barrack No. 3. They said: "All right, Barrack No. 3 has eaten this morning. The hunger strike is over. Now come down to the kitchen and eat."

The inmates of Barrack No. 3 trooped down to the kitchen, hunger gnawing their stomachs. The cook, as they went in, gave a slight, almost imperceptible, shake of the head. The Ger-

THEN THE TORTURE ENDS

mann knew that Barrack No. 1 had not eaten. The strike was still on.

The Russians heaped their plates with food for better than they had known for years. The Germans, notoriously big eaters, declined to touch it.

After half an hour the Russians, admitting defeat, ordered them back to their barracks.

Discipline

THIS day-to-day programme of the strike was given to me by a returning German:—

Day 1: Very bad. Awful hunger.

Day 2: Hunger increasing. Almost unbearable.

Day 3: That was very bad. We got pains over the heart. We were dizzy.

Day 4: We were not so hungry. We lay on our beds most of the time. The Russians cut down the heat in the barracks. The cold was shocking.

Days 5 and 6: We just lay on our beds. We no longer had any appetite.

On the seventh day the hunger strike was called off. The Germans had made their mass protest. Their sense of discipline was as strong as ever. I asked, and I was told that not a single man had disobeyed the general instruction.

Apparently even the people of Russia could scarce forbear to cheer this performance. The story got out, and Russian workers told them: "We have

never dared strike. We admire your show."

It took the Russians some time after the war to realise that they had an enormous potential labour force on their hands in the thousands of prisoners rotting in camps.

Conditions in the early years were simply appalling. Prisoners were told, died off like sick sheep, and were accorded a burial no better than a farm-giver gives a dead sheep.

By 1948 conditions had begun to improve. The Germans did not attribute the improvement to humanity. The Soviet authorities had come to understand that, in several of the old tag, the only good German was a live German. He could be put to work, and because of his nature he would work well.

Hospitals, which previously offered little in medical advice or equipment, became better equipped. Penicillin, sulphur drugs, and streptomycin made their appearance. At first the penicillin was exclusively of American origin.

Soon it was coming from Russian laboratories.

A German who worked for some years in a hospital told me that deaths dropped from 30 a day to two a week, and that if they rose abruptly a commission from Moscow would arrive to investigate the cause.

Typhus, once the scourge of Russia, became practically unknown. Delousing was an important priority in the list of efficiencies to keep the labour force effective although the old method of heat-and-gas treatment on the prisoners' clothes was used instead of the quicker DDT treatment.

Desolation

THUS the Germans became an integral part of the Soviet economy. Many of the men worked down the coal mines in the Urals, where the temperature, even at the coal face, was seldom above freezing point.

Even then, I was told that the women, who were never put

CYRIL AYNSLEY

himself spent four years as a prisoner of war of the Germans—held at various times in camps in East Prussia, Poland and Hanover, at Breslau and Sagan, south of Berlin. He went back to Germany to compile this report on the men who were Stalin's slaves.



to hewing coal, often had worse jobs than the men. One gang of women was put to constructing a railway in the tundra in 40 degrees of frost.

In 1948 and 1949 the prisoners, in desolation, lived on the hope that the Western Powers would attack Russia and drop arms to them. They would willingly have sacrificed their lives in fighting their way out.

But it became clear, as I talked to the returned prisoners, that conditions have improved since the death of Stalin.

Always fear

FINALLY, odd impressions I caught of the Russian character were:—

Their strange formality: Everything done has to be documented. However farcical a trial may be the proceedings are written down and reported to higher authorities. They have an obsession for commissions of inquiry.

Passing the buck: All officials live in fear of the other man. Often a high-level decision will be passed on to a local official, who will then have to accept responsibility if things go wrong.

Their ironic sense of humour: One German, a technician, after eight years of slave labour was asked, as he was coming home, if he would like a good job in the East. "We can do with men of your ability," he was told. He turned the offer down.

● BROADWAY is seeing British comic Hermione Gingold for the first time in John Murray Anderson's Almanac, and every night she keeps the jam-packed, sophisticated audience in stitches with her antics. Columnists quote her party quips as if they were the latest from Dorothy Parker. Gingold, in short, is the current pet of New York. Here is her MANHATTAN DIARY (transcribed by Evelyn Irons).

ONE MAN WORE A CORONET IN THE STALLS

New York. CRAZY things happen here. To the BALLET on Sunday—and what do I see? A man wearing a coronet. In the audience. He wore a business suit (lounge suit to you). I do think that with a coronet a man ought to wear evening dress. But nobody took any notice.

Evening dress is not the wear for the theatre in New York. But New York audiences do not smoke in the theatre, and they are not served with tea or coffee. There is little coughing, no rattling of cups, after the curtain goes up and no rush back from the bar, because New York theatres do not have bars.

THEY PASS THROUGH

MY dressing-room is known as PICCADILLY CIRCUS. Large numbers of British people passing through Manhattan pass through there on their way.

Sample—two young British Navy AB's, one from Harrow and the other from Dulwich, who are learning to fly in Florida. They said they would never have had the courage to go backstage in London, but here it was different.

OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT

ONE of the many things I like about New York—shopping in the night. A BOOK AND RECORD SHOP on Fifth Avenue, open until midnight, is like a club. One meets all one's friends there.

They don't go just for conversation. Some shut themselves up in cubicles and spend an enjoyable hour playing new records. One man reads novels. He puts a marker in his place when the shop closes and comes back the next night to read on.

I do my household shopping in the night, too. The delicatessen store round the corner from my apartment is open till one in the morning. In this way I am becoming domesticated.

LOOKING FOR FACES

EVENINGS when I am not picking over the new books or thick stacks from the

GILES ON THE GUERRILLA STRIKES:



"Be brave, Miss Loris. Maybe the electricians will call off their strike tomorrow."

London Express Service

THE MOST COWETED DISTINCTION FOR VALOUR

THREE HAVE WON THE VC TWICE

By PETER LOVEGROVE

THIRTEEN hundred and thirty-nine sailors, soldiers and airmen of all ranks, three Army padres and four civilians have won the Victoria Cross since Britain's most coveted distinction for valour was in-

stituted 98 years ago. Two hundred and ninety of the awards were made posthumously.

The British Army has produced 864 VCs, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines 118, and the Royal Air Force 31. One hundred and eleven awards have been made to members of the Indian Army, 87 to Australian forces, 79 to Canadians, 28 to South Africans and 21 to New Zealanders. Newfoundland (in World War One) and the Fiji Military Forces and the King's African Rifles (in World War Two) have each received one award.

Three Doubles

ONLY three men—one of them is still alive—have won the honour twice, and two of them served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Lt.-Col. A. Martin-Leake, who died recently, won his first VC as a Surgeon-Captain in the South African Constabulary in the Boer War, and the second near Zonnebeke in Belgium in 1914. Capt. Noel Chevasse won both awards for his conspicuous gallantry while attached to the 1/10th Bn. The Liverpool Regiment in France and Belgium in 1916 and 1917—his second VC being made posthumously.

The third double VC is Capt. C. H. Upham of Christchurch, New Zealand who is now a sheep farmer. His first distinction rewarded exceptional bravery at Malame, Galatos and Sphakia during the German airborne invasion of Crete in

May 1941, the second being bestowed for a gallant attack on El Ruweisat Ridge in the Western Desert fourteen months later.

There are three cases of the Victoria Cross being bestowed on father and son, and brothers have also won the award on three occasions. The most remarkable record, however, is

Crimean War; now the medal is supplied by the Royal Mint, some of it from a Chinese gun captured in the Boxer Rebellion. It costs only £2 to make a VC—and they have all been made by the same firm of West End jewellers since 1856.

The colour of the ribbon is red. Until July 1919 the colour was blue for the Royal Navy and red for the Army, but it was then changed to red for all arms, including the Royal Air Force, by order of King George V.

Recipients below commissioned rank are entitled to a pension of £10 a year, with an additional £75 in case of need, and in the case of posthumous awards a sum of £50 is credited to the estate of the individual.

First Award

THE very first Victoria Cross was awarded to Mate Charles David Lucas, a sailor who later became an admiral, for remarkable gallantry and presence of mind in action in the Baltic Sea. He was serving on board HMS Heckla, and during the bombardment of the Russian fortress of Bomarsund, in the Aland islands, a live shell with a burning fuse fell on the deck. Lucas rushed forward, picked it up and flung it overboard, the shell exploding before reaching the water.

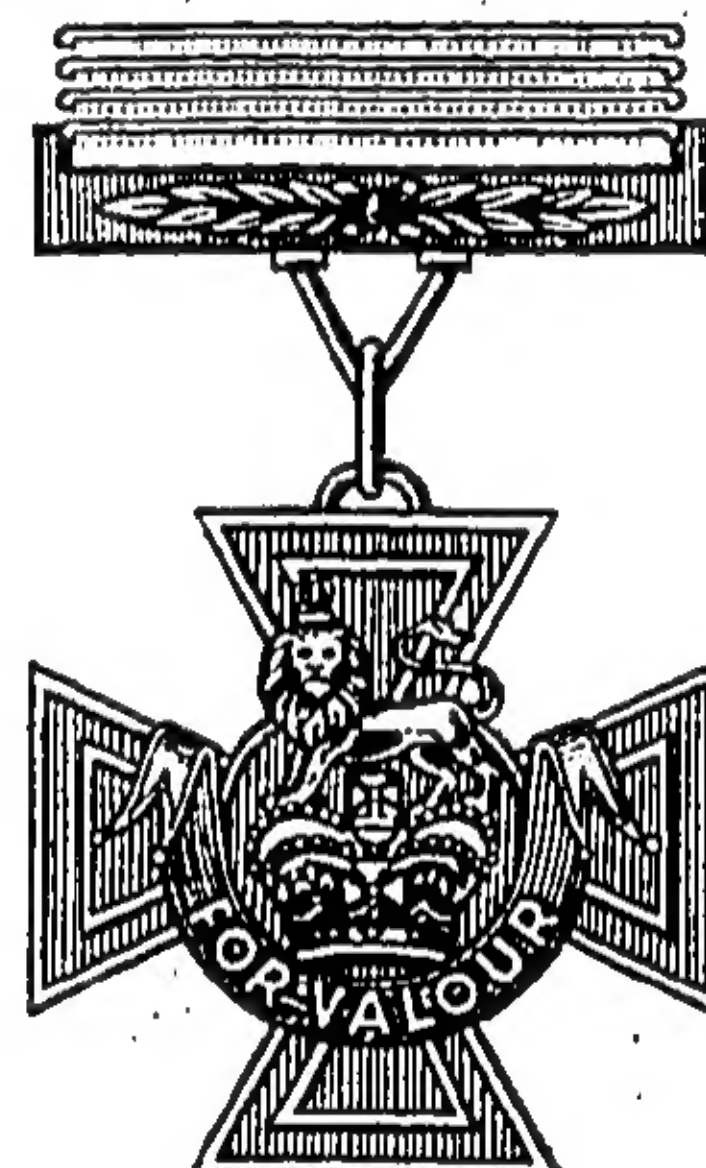
Though it was originally ordained that the decoration would reward bravery in the face of the enemy, exceptions have been made for acts undertaken under other circumstances of extreme danger. Thus Private T. O'Hara of the 1st Battalion, The Rifle Brigade, received the award for his courage in suppressing a fire in a railway car containing live ammunition in Canada, while an assistant-surgeon and five privates of the South Wales Borders were similarly decorated for their daring in the Andaman Islands in 1867. They saved seventeen officers and men in a storm at sea.

All four awards to civilians were made for exceptional bravery during the Indian Mutiny, but civilians are still eligible for serving with one of the Armed Forces. It is also possible for a member of the Women's Services to win the VC, though no woman has yet accomplished it.

In Korea

THE British Unknown Warrior of World War One buried in Westminster Abbey, and the American Unknown Warrior of the same war, were awarded the Cross, though neither award was gazetted.

Six hundred and thirty-three decorations were conferred in World War One and 182 from 1933 to 1946. Four soldiers in the Korean campaign have also won Britain's supreme military distinction, two of the awards being made posthumously. They are the late Major K. Muir, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the late Lieutenant P. K. E. Carr, who was attached to the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, Pte. W. Speakman, of the Black Watch, and Lieutenant-Colonel James Carmichael, who led the "Glorious Gladiators" during their historic stand at the Imjin River battle in April 1951. Carr, who won the DSO for gallantry twice in 1942, the medals were decorations from Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace in September last October.



held by the Gough family, three members of which have received the distinction.

Major C.J.S. Gough (5th Bengal European Cavalry) and his brother Lieutenant H.E. Gough (1st Bengal European Light Cavalry) won their Crosses in the Indian Mutiny, and 45 years later Major Gough's son, while serving with the Rifle Brigade in Somaliland, earned the family's third award.

The Victoria Cross was the first award instituted for valour only, irrespective of rank. It was the great Queen's own idea; she had appreciated that there existed no means of adequately rewarding the individual bravery of junior officers and other ranks, and her first warrant ruled: "It is ordained, with a view to place all persons on a perfectly equal footing in relation to eligibility for the decoration, that neither rank, nor long service, nor wounds, nor any other circumstance or condition whatsoever, save the merit of conspicuous bravery, shall be held to establish a sufficient claim to the honour."

Gun Metal

THE Prince Consort is usually credited with the design—a Maltese cross of bronze, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, adorned with the Royal Crown, surmounted by a lion with a scroll bearing the inscription: "FOR VALOUR." On the reverse side is the date of the act of bravery for which it has been awarded, whilst the name of the recipient is inscribed on the back of the cross to which it is attached by a loop shaped like a "V". Until 1942, the medals were struck from the metal of guns captured by the British. Since then, they have been struck from silver.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, if only you'd get yourself a job I shouldn't have to make these annual concessions to bourgeois 'patience'!"

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN . . . by Walter



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Relying on Partner May Cause Trouble

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J9842	♠ 10	♠ 10874	♠ 10
♥ 872	♥ 10	♥ 10874	♥ 10
♦ 104	♦ 10	♦ 10874	♦ 10
♣ 853	♣ 10	♣ 10874	♣ 10
WEST (D)		EAST	
♠ AKQ3	♠ 10874	♠ 10874	♠ 10
♥ AKQ42	♥ 10874	♥ 10874	♥ 10
♦ K5	♦ 10874	♦ 10874	♦ 10
♣ Q	♣ 10874	♣ 10874	♣ 10
SOUTH		NORTH	
♠ None	♠ 10874	♠ 10874	♠ 10
♥ 10	♥ 10874	♥ 10874	♥ 10
♦ Q8732	♦ 10874	♦ 10874	♦ 10
♣ K97642	♣ 10874	♣ 10874	♣ 10
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Opening lead—♥ K		Opening lead—♥ K	

BY OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand was played in some years ago in a tournament. At the time the East-West pair had made a score of 2,210 points, as well as they might. If North had led a spade, the grand slam would have been defeated, so the East-West pair expected to win with a part score when the hand was played at the tournament.

They actually wound up with a score of 2,390 points. One of their teammates played the hand in the remarkable contract of two spades redoubled. He had failed to take a trick, and the loss at his table was 4,000 points.

How do you get your hand into a jam of this kind? One way is to have your signals go wrong, and another way is to have too much confidence in your partner than he can possibly deserve.

South's bid of two spades was intended to demand a takeout in one of the minor suits. South thought that the opponents could do well in the major, and he hoped to deal the hand from them in a free bid.

The bid was a double-edged sword. South should have run to three clubs to make his intention quite clear. The redouble should have had the same effect as a good partner, but few partners can be trusted in so dangerous a situation.

The actual North player decided that South's intention was to play in the minor, and he tried to get away with a psychic bid.

West took the first three tricks with top hearts and then led a fourth heart. South ruffed low in the dummy, not knowing where any of the top spades were, and East overruffed with the six of spades. East ruffed the ace and then the ten of clubs. West ruffed out declarer's king of clubs.

West led a low diamond next. East winning with the ace, East cashed the jack of clubs and led a diamond to his partner's king. By this time all hands were reduced to four cards, and West led his last heart.

South desperately ruffed with dummy's nine, and East overruffed with the ten. East then led a third heart with the ace, king and queen of trumps.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
3 Spades Pass
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-3-2, Hearts 8-6-3, Diamonds 9-4, Clubs 10-5. What do you do?

A—Bid four no-trump. There is bound to be a slam even if your partner has only a good heart suit and a strong spade support. You begin the Blackwood Convention because you will bid a grand slam in spades if your partner can show three aces.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Diamonds Pass
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-3-2, Hearts 8-6-3, Diamonds 9-4, Clubs 10-5. What do you do?

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

BORN today, you are more than normally intuitive and will probably have exceptional psychic powers, as well. Your imagination is very keen and since you have the gift of the written word, you would probably do well in the field of fiction, drama or script writing. You have a great deal of creative energy and once you start a project you will work at it to the highest possible pitch to finish it. In fact, while working on something, you are rather too inclined to ignore the necessary amount of mental and physical relaxation. Guard against letting overwork jeopardize your ultimate success. Learn to take time out of your stride and work at an even pace more consistently.

You have a wide range of interests and may find it somewhat difficult to make up your mind what you want to do in life. If you are to be the bread winner for the family, you will need to make an early decision. If you are a member of the fair sex who is just working as a shop-girl until marriage comes along, the selection of a career is less important. You have an adaptability which makes it possible for you to get some kind of a job easily.

You are gregarious by nature and like people. Be cautious against scattering your affections so widely that you do not find that "one love" would make romance and marriage a permanent happiness in your life.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Listen to the opinions of other people. It is on second consideration you will seem to be set on your course.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Even if you appear very dull, you may find it is the best way to get on in this world.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Pay attention to your personal appearance. If your wardrobe is lacking behind fashion, renew it.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Keep your eyes fixed on your objective and prove very helpful to others. It can serve to advance your future.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If your own efforts seem to be lagging behind, you could perhaps welcome to you a helping hand.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Fast temper and often fool you upon meeting a new acquaintance. Don't give your confidence too soon.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23)—Keep your eyes fixed on your objective and don't waste in your intentions to do a good job all the time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Follow your own inspiration but listen to the suggestions of expert advice as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Make a good impression on the first day of a new job or a new venture. It is a good idea to make a conference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You will find it difficult to make a little more of your life in each day. Your ultimate goal is clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—A good time to clear out the attic. Get rid of things you don't really need at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Guard against a quiet undercurrent of trouble. Actually, a little trouble is needed.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?
S. N. WENDOVER
Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Manufactured, they may, at Westminister, (3)
2. Wanted a little credit a five, and an editor, (5)
3. Play with him in a song, (5)
4. Admiral at the North, (4)
5. Man with this makes a book, (4)
6. The college is at Oxford, (3)
7. Ladies of Rome, (3)
8. Three hundred Lancaster was of Gaunt, (4)
9. Porter appreciates, (4)
10. Play it is a solo note, (4)
11. Norman's home, (5)
12. Sleep found in Rome? (7)
13. Hundred was often punishment at school, (5)
14. Housewife finds more than ordinary for this, (6)
15. Preface, (7)

Down
1. Post a letter in the garage—it makes rubbish, (7)
2. Spiv tries to make money on the, (4)
3. He who runs may do this, on occasion, (4)
4. If a ruin, certainly, when they take this, (5)
5. Orator with no credit, (4)
6. Natty kilt before the Ocel, (5)
7. Don't there's just room, (8)
8. There's a query about the place, (7)
9. Port, (4)
10. Run down, on a million beaches, (6)
11. This face is useful to this game, (5)
12. As good as a mile? (4)
13. Highwayman and these were old time road perils, (6)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

DUMB-BELLS

JUST TASTE THE MEAT IN THIS COGNAC!

NO THANKS I'M A VEGETARIAN

TODAY'S QUESTION

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North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Diamonds Pass
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-3-2, Hearts 8-6-3, Diamonds 9-4, Clubs 10-5. What do you do?

BY THE WAY
By Beachcomber

A MAN who shaved a quantity of bottled gooseberries and sold them as grapes was closely questioned by Mr Justice Cocklecarrot yesterday.

"What do you suppose would happen," asked Cocklecarrot, "if everybody did this?" The man thought for a moment. Then he said: "My lord, the first result would be an excess of supply over demand. But we may ignore that aspect of the case, as there are not enough gooseberries. As for the people who would not want to shave gooseberries and sell them as grapes. And as even a shaved gooseberry does not look like a grape to anybody with his wits about him, I do not think the question arises."

Chaucer for the Eskimos

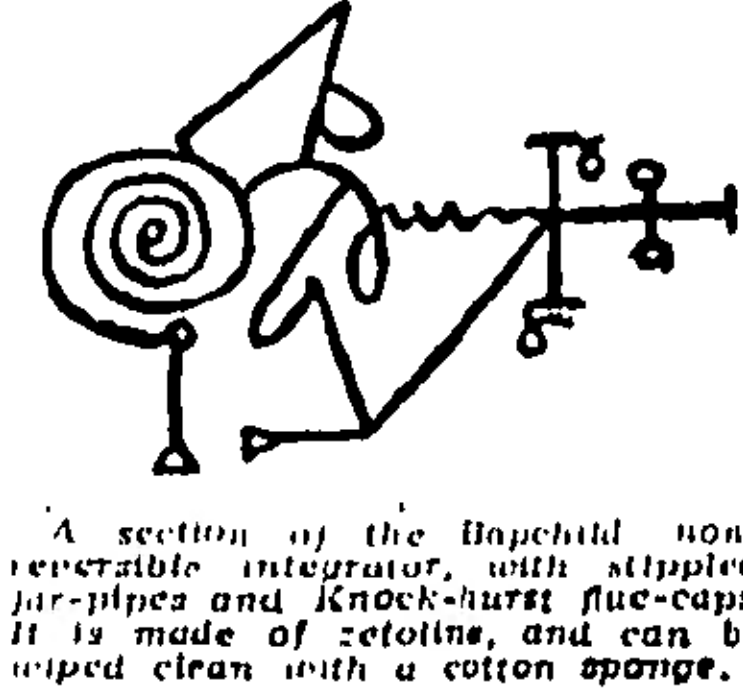
NOW that Democracy has hit the British Council, not from recitations of Henry James in Persia, but from a recitation of Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" to a group of Eskimos in the Arctic, there is a message of the Arts, here, indeed, in proof, if proof were needed, that the fund-raising committee is doing its job.

In passing

A STREET car recently appeared to be jammed from end to end with parked cars. But a man who joined the car was told it was not a parking place. It was only that the car had been there for hours, unable to move backwards or forwards. A couple who lived in the street and could not get to their front door, exchanged their car with the owner of one that was half on the pavement. In front of their house, a little car was stuck. A little car was stuck. A little car was stuck.

TOUCH the furies (Drapery and Quilted)

Make it yourself



Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Nature Is Quite A Painter

—He Paints Zebras, Leopards, and Resemblances—

By MAX TRELL

"THERE'S a friend of mine," said Ting-a-Ling, to Knarf and Hand, the shadow children who live behind a magic mirror. "He's the most wonderful painter in the world. I promised to pay him a visit today. Would you both care to come with me?"

Knarf and Hand, and they would be glad to go with Ting-a-Ling to visit his painter friend.

As they were walking down the street toward the house where the painter lived, Knarf asked Ting-a-Ling what kind of pictures his friend painted.

"He doesn't paint pictures," said Ting-a-Ling.

"Does he paint houses?" asked Knarf.

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A Strange House

It was a strange sort of house. From top to bottom it was made of tiny windows. "It looks like a greenhouse," said Hand.

By this time, Ting-a-Ling had rung the bell. A moment later, the door was opened and a tall man with big, smiling eyes welcomed them inside. He was wearing a sort of artist's smock ("though it looks quite a lot like a kimono," Hand whispered to

Knarf) and in his hand he carried several paint brushes of different sizes.

"This is Mr. Nature," said Ting-a-Ling. "He's the most wonderful painter in the world. I promised to pay him a visit today. Would you both care to come with me?"

Knarf and Hand, and they would be glad to go with Ting-a-Ling to visit his painter friend.

As they were walking down the street toward the house where the painter lived, Knarf asked Ting-a-Ling what kind of pictures his friend painted.

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CHESS PROBLEM

By V. E. RASMUSSEN
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White, 7 pieces.
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ENGLAND v. WALES AT TWICKENHAM



Wales gets the ball from a line out in the international match at Twickenham which England won by 9 points to 6. It was England's first victory against Wales at home since 1939.

Zatopek To Concentrate On Longer Distance Runs

Frankfurt, Jan. 25.

Czech "human locomotive" and triple Olympic Gold Medal winner Emil Zatopek is determined to continue his record-breaking pace in 10,000 Metres runs and up during the 1954 athletic season, the official magazine of the West German Track and Field Association reported from Prague in its latest edition.

Zatopek, the publication added, may no longer attempt to shatter the 5,000 Metres world mark and other shorter distance records.

Zatopek last November, at the 10,000 Metres runs and up in these competitions, and that world record in the 10,000 Metres event in 29 minutes 16 seconds, chopping one second off his own pace-year-old mark of 30:02.6 minutes set on August 4, 1950, at Turku, Finland.

"They should get accustomed to it—and I must, too—that on the shorter distance runs (such as 5,000 and 3,000 Metres) I can only make fastest performances."

"I have sometimes been advised to concentrate again on the 5,000 Metres run. I was told to run shorter stretches with more speed in practice runs. I have already tried this. But I never felt well after such training."

"I am of the opinion that every runner must train for the distance for which he has the best prerequisites. If a runner trains for the 10,000 Metres specialty, he also turns in good times in the 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000 Metres runs."

"If a 1,500 Metres specialist, he also makes good times in the 3,000 and 5,000 metres runs. Maybe this is an error, but my own experience has taught me so," Zatopek said.

PRIZE FOR PIRIE
Zatopek praised the young London Bank clerk and up-and-coming runner Gordon Pirie as a "gifted and likeable boy."

Pirie, jumped into the top circle of the world's 5,000 Metres runners last year through his 14:02.6 result at the August 28-29 British-German track and field meet at Berlin.

"Why should not the name of the 10,000 Metres world record holder some day be Pirie?" Zatopek asked.

"Anybody who surpasses my training will also shatter my record. I only hope that Pirie does not 'burn out' too early. Pirie is still very young and at his age one should not overdo the long distance runs."

"Pirie is very good in the shorter distance runs. But he has the will to also achieve something extraordinary in the long distance events."

ON THE RUSSIANS
Zatopek also considered the two Soviet runners, Vladimir Kuts and Alexander Anufriyev as strong competitors to shatter his world marks.

Anufriyev, who was the first Russian athlete ever to smash his way into the class of the world's top distance runners by winning the 1952 Olympic Bronze Medal in the 10,000 Metres run in 29:48.2, ranks first among the Russian 5,000 and 10,000 Metres runners of the past season with 13:58.8 and 29:23.2 minutes.

Kuts, a 26-year-old runner, figured in second place in the list of the 1953 season's best Russian 5,000 and 10,000 Metres runners with 14:02.2 and 29:41.4.

"Both Kuts and Anufriyev are in excellent condition—moreover, they are young and ambitious. The only thing I do not fully agree with is their tactics. They always run at such a tempo as though they are out to improve on the world record by at least 30 seconds. If they should ever succeed in maintaining their speed throughout the race—my records are gone."

"But I have a different opinion. A racing hare—and an athlete in training resembles one in many respects—would not stand such deadly blows in the long run," Zatopek said—United Press.

Double Century In Sheffield Shield Match

Brisbane, Jan. 25.

Queensland scored 561 runs in reply to Victoria's first innings total of 207 at the end of the third day of their Sheffield Shield match here.

Left-hander Ken Mackay, who incensed the crowd by taking 226 minutes to score 42 in his batting for Queensland on Saturday, passed his double century today and finished with 223 on the board.

Test all-rounder Ron Archer scored 114. Five Queensland wickets fell to off-spinner Ian Johnson for a total of 97 runs.—Reuter.

President Magsaysay To Open Second Asian Games

Manila, Jan. 26.

President Ramon Magsaysay will officially open the Second Asian Games on May 1 this year at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation announced yesterday.

The Federation also said President Magsaysay accepted the Honorary Presidency of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation. He also consented to become a patron of the Second Asian Games.

Although the Philippine President is by tradition always named Honorary President of the PAAP, it was expected by sports circles here that President Magsaysay's occupancy of the post will usher in increased government interest in athletic activities.

The President's consent to being a patron of the Asian Games came after a visit aboard his yacht, the Pagan (Hope) to PAAP President Jorge Vargas, France Press.

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These Two Hold The Key To The Lincolnshire

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

No handicapper, and this includes Mr J. B. Dennis, who will frame the weights, can possibly satisfy the connections of both seven-year-old Fastnet Rock and five-year-old Sailing Light in this year's Lincolnshire Handicap (March 21).

These are two of the key horses, whether Fastnet Rock is the stable selected or not.

In last year's race they finished first and second, Sailing Light (receiving 17lb.) defeating the other by half a length.

Unfortunately for Gerald Armstrong they will not be handicapped strictly in accordance with the form. Some amateur handicappers have assessed them at level weights, which appears rather harsh.

EXASPERATING
Fastnet Rock is like the little girl with the eel. When he's good he is very, very good, but when he is bad he's horrid.

His galloping victories in the Victoria Cup in 1951 and the Reesbury Stakes at Kempton and the Final Handicap at Sandown last year. But in between these victories he has proved an exasperating horse and went through 1952 without a victory.

Another key race between these two was the Royal Burgh Handicap over a mile at Ayr last September. Here there was only 8lb. between them, and Sailing Light won by six lengths. This suggests that he had improved 9lb. and five and a half lengths since March.

I cannot entirely subscribe to that view, though Sailing Light has clearly made progress. At Ayr, Fastnet Rock was in one of his horrid moods and started slowly into the bargain. Otherwise he must have given the winner a good race.

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Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Tomorrow, the second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, should attract another big crowd of racing enthusiasts to the Valley. A programme of 10 events will again be contested.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the first race starting at 12.00 noon sharp. The fifth interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). The Fifth Race begins at 3.00 p.m.

There are two important events down for decision. The first is the Ladies' Purse, confined to Class 2 ponies, and the second is the P. & O. Cup for Class 3 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE
Hello Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

The opening event is a sprint race confined to Class 8 ponies. In the Sywan Bay Handicap (Third Section) at the Sixth Race Meeting, Easy-going (Mr Kwok), carrying 140 lbs. won this race over the mile by leading from front to finish and as tomorrow's event is about half a mile and 170 Yards, I think Easy-going should just about win again.

There is, of course, Moonrush (Mr H. K. Hung) to be reckoned with. This pony came third in the above race whilst trailing most of the way, and if it should acquire a good start tomorrow it will be hard to catch.

Boyme (Mr Ostrowski) and Moarve (Mr Plumby) have shown good form in their morning gallops and I am sure they will give Easy-going and Moonrush a good race.

In Blonnie (Mr H. C. Woo) we have a pony which is quite capable of upsetting calculations.

SECOND RACE
Southern Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 6 ponies. There are quite a number of ponies capable of winning, among these Eudora (Mr Tsai), Free Kick (Mr Ng), Firestone (Mr Pote-Hunt) and Same Again (Mr Plumby).

Eudora, because of its second placing in the Sywan Bay Handicap (Second Section) for Class 8 ponies at the last meeting, is the obvious choice for first position.

I think Ben Lawers (Mr Tsai) is the only other pony among the entries to give it a challenge.

For those who are looking for an outsider, I suggest Cambray (Mr Kwok) should not be overlooked.

NINTH RACE
Valley Stakes (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian Subscription Ponies of 1954 will gather together for this event and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between Quizzette (Mr Tsai), Neptune (Mr

This pony is speedy and should prove the best over this distance. Another Victory (Mr Tsai) appears capable of extending the above pony whilst Possibility II (Mr K. F. Chu) should have something to say about the finish.

For those who are looking for outsiders I suggest Blazing (Mr Chuang) and Four Aces (Mr Chen Poo).

EIGHTH RACE
Hello Handicap (Second Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

In this race for Class 8 ponies over this distance, Rebel II (Mr Samarcq) is the obvious choice for first position.

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K. F. Chu), Shiraz (Mr Kwok) and Thousand Miles (Mr Gregory).

Quizzette will undoubtedly be made hot favourite and, judging from training form, it should certainly have no difficulty in winning.

Neptune should fill second place.

For the third position I think Shiraz is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on Thousand Miles.

TENTH RACE
Phaeton Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

The final race of the day will be contested by Class 8 ponies. A perusal of the entries in this race gives me the impression that Clifton (Mr C. A. Lee) has a good opportunity of winning as it is in splendid condition at the moment.

Jorocks (Mr Chun Kit) must be borne in mind as the pony is improving during morning gallops. The distance also favours Desert Gold (Mr Chen Poo), but I doubt if it can do better than place. On account of the low weight which it will carry—143lbs. less 7lbs. for Novice Jockey allowance—Souvenir (Mr Alex Lam) is a decided menace.

Tree Shots

By HENRY LONGHURST

The news that Sam Snead recently disappeared into the forests of Virginia, emerged with a small tree-trunk, carved it by hand into the shape of a golf club and with it, plus his wedge, went round the White Sulphur Springs course in 76 will be received with mixed feelings by the average golfer—partly of relief that the game is clearly not so difficult as the books of instruction and the instantaneous photographs of lateral hip shifts, etc., make it out to be and partly of chagrin that he, the average golfer, once "invested," as the pools put it, in 14 clubs at £3 a time.

Snead's feat was one of a remarkable series. His 76 with tree-trunk and wedge—including, incidentally, an eight at the 17th, where he was involved in a water hazard—was followed by a 77 with a No. 4 wood, and a 74 with a No. 5 iron.

PAST HIS PEAK
Yet, in a sense, he may be said to be passing, or past, his peak. Five times winner of the Miami Open, he has just been pipped on the post in that tournament. He has won only 14,000 dollars in the last nine months against \$4,000 by Lew Worsham and at Westworth in October he was beaten by Harry Weetman after being four up and six to play—an event which impressed him so forcibly that at the dinner the waiter had to nudge him to

gain attention for the successive courses while he was heard muttering, "Gee, four up and six to play... it isn't possible!"

Snead is not alone, of course, in proving that the refinements considered essential for modern golf are in fact quite unnecessary. I recently saw a film of that fabulous "rake, shovel, and baseball bat" character.

John Montague, who was said to knock birds off telegraph wires with brassie shots. In the film he holed 12 four-footers running with the handle of the shovel.

At about the same time the late Leo Diegel went round a full-sized course standing like a stork on one leg—a practice which I cordially recommend to all who seek to improve their putting, as well as to the correspondent who recently asked me to hold forth on "Are Big Feet an Advantage to the Golfer?"

On this question of underpinning we are assured that all manner of varieties of nail are indispensable. Yet another correspondent, writing of A. J. T. Allan, who won the Championship in 1897, says that he often saw him bicycling down Princes Street on his way home from Muirfield, and that he played most of his golf on the hilly Braids course, always in leather shoes without nails.

To which I can add that on the slopes of Royal Eastbourne my own best round, which is not saying much, was played, unwillingly, in smooth-soled shoes in slippery conditions wherein, if you did not keep your balance, you fell flat on your face.

COULD DO BETTER
As to the number of clubs we ought to carry, Snead could doubtless do better with his full armoury than his 74 with a Number 5 iron, but the rest of us who have ever taken part in a one-club competition are liable to be much chastened by the score we have done for some months.

For myself, I have long reached the conclusion that I am better off without the even numbers and accordingly leave behind, in addition to two wooden clubs, the Numbers 2, 4, 6, and 8. It is then possible to carry the remainder over the shoulder in a small canvas container without resorting to one of these faintly ridiculous perambulators.

Snead has declared that he will come for the British Open this year and, in view of his achievement with the tree-trunk, we shall watch him with added interest. In answer to the reader's "Where are your clubs, Mr. Snead?" I say: "I'll leave them in the willow bushes, possibly, but I'll leave out his set for the day."

Blackpool Beat Luton Town In Third Replay

Wolverhampton, Jan. 25.

After seven hours of hard battling, Blackpool, the holders, beat Luton Town 2-0 in their Football Association Cup third round match on Wolverhampton Wanderers' ground today.

They met four times in all, two of the games going to extra time, and a total of 105,232 people paid approximately £24,000.

Blackpool, without fear of their international, were not impressive winners. Stanley Matthews was seldom in the picture, and only South African Bill Perry and the full backs were in form.

Perry scored from a corner and Stephenson, a young centre-forward playing in his first Cup tie, got the second goal.

Blackpool met West Ham United in the fourth round on Saturday—Reuter.

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Melbourne, Jan. 25. Australia, at the end of her second best commercial year on record, looks forward with confidence to a prosperous 1954.

The recent uranium strike, a good outlook for the annual wool output and promise of a bumper wheat crop yielding more than the country can comfortably handle and sell, have brought a confident note to Australia's immediate future, according to newspaper editorials, radio talks and speeches of business executives.

The value of Australia's oil potential has yet to be probed. There has only been one strike but many millions sterling were being invested to investigate possible new fields.

The quality of the find in Exmouth Gulf on the North-west coast of Australia is beyond doubt, but it is not yet established whether it will be a commercial proposition of significance.

General confidence in the country's oil is further being shown in the formation of responsible prospecting organizations backed by solid money and the willingness to spend it.

Hundreds of thousands of square miles of the vast Australian continent have been mapped for oil prospecting by private enterprises under government permits.

Many deposits of uranium ore have been located. Australia, according to one authority, may be exporting high grade uranium in "appreciable quantities" before the end of the year.

ELECTIONS IN JUNE

There is always the qualification, "given a good reason." In the Australian estimate of prosperity there has been a series of bountiful seasons but fingers are always kept crossed.

Politically Australia will prepare for a busy time as soon as the Royal tour is over. There will be a general election for the House of Representatives where the Menzies-Fadden coalition now has a comfortable majority.

Public opinion polls, by-elections and other indications show government stocks are rising.

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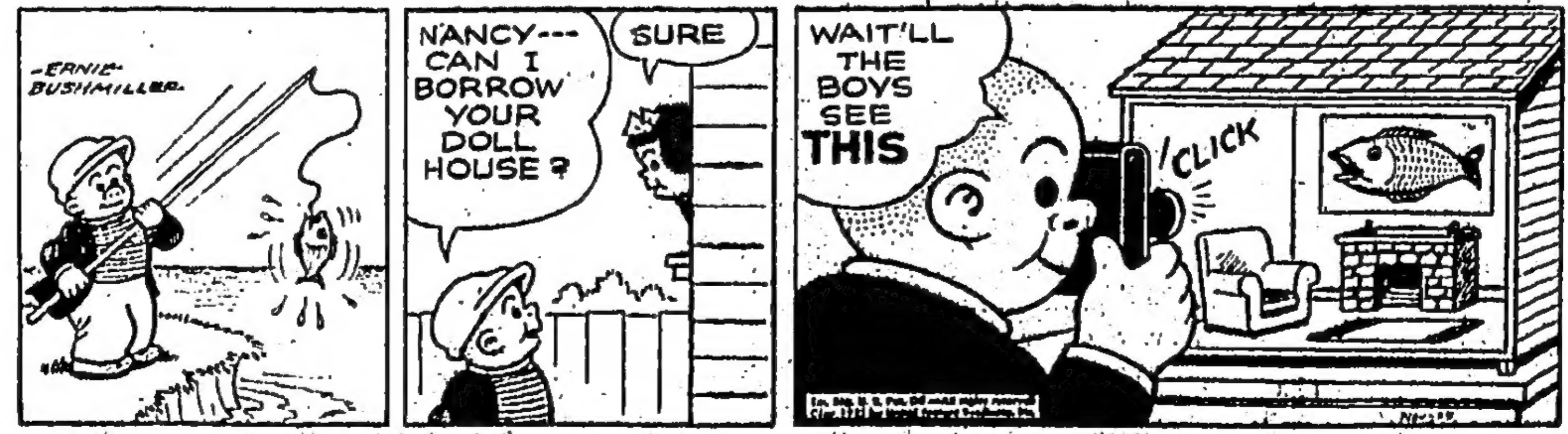
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Yugoslavia Needs US Wheat

Washington, Jan. 25. United States officials said today Yugoslavia apparently needed at least 400,000 tons of food wheat in addition to the 10,000 tons of Spring seed wheat which the Administration was sending to that country next month.

They explained Yugoslavia needed this wheat because of the severe drought in that country and presumably Yugoslavia would like to have it as a gift but the Administration was not empowered to do this unless a state of famine prevailed.

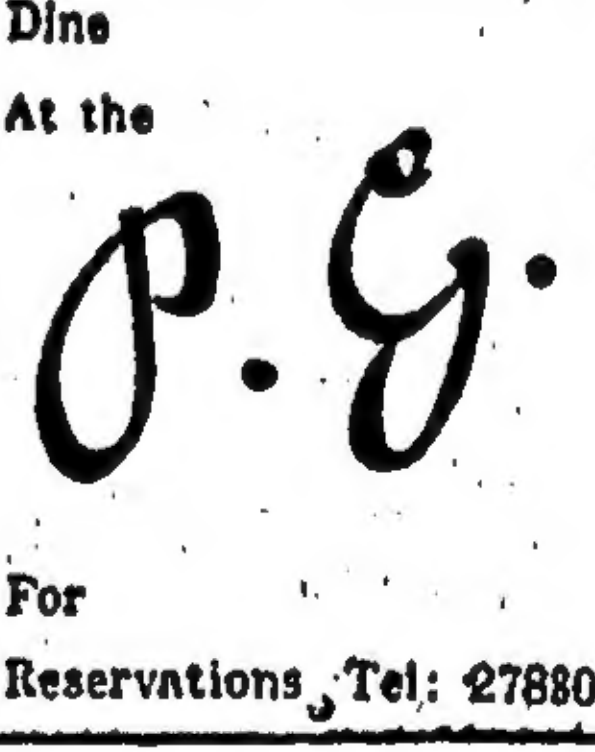
They said Yugoslavia could receive some wheat under section 550 of the Mutual Security Act by which Yugoslavia would provide the equivalent in local currency to be applied in a way agreed on by the Foreign Operations Administration.

They understood that Yugoslavia feared that the local currency might be applied to buying products for export so that Yugoslavia in this way might lose valuable foreign exchange.

However, that was not the intention of the F.O.A. and the local currency could be applied in much the same way as counterpart funds for public works, munitions contracts and the like.

These officials pointed out that the F.O.A. does not have an unlimited amount of dollars available under section 550 of the Act but recognized Yugoslavia would need some food wheat before June and the F.O.A. was now considering if it could send any with what funds are available.

They added this subject formed part of the talks between Yugoslav Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Vukobratovic, and the Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Murphy, last week in Washington.



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Proving His Point

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"Turn one tap, get red wine. Turn the other, get white. Just imagine being a plumber there. Think how long you could spend fixing a washer on taps like that. All day... all night..." his eyes closed dreamily.

"As a matter of fact," said his neighbour, a dapper, dark-suited man named Henry. "You can drink any time day and night in London."

"That's what they say," said the other. "But you try it. Just you try it."

Next morning, Henry did. At 8 a.m., three and a half hours before official opening time, he visited one of those Covent Garden public houses that open thus early for the convenience of those who work all night in the market.

COUNTER-ATTACK—1

"GOOD morning," he said brightly. "I'll have a light ale, please." "Sorry, sir," said the landlord. "We're only open for people who work in the market."

"Come, come, now," said Henry. "How do you know I don't work there?"

"Sorry, sir," the landlord insisted.

Henry turned on his heel and made a dignified withdrawal. "There's an optimist," said the regulars.

"Trying it on," said the man who went round collecting dirty glasses.

COUNTER-ATTACK—2

BUT the customers had underestimated Henry. Five minutes later he was back. And now, under his arm, he carried a vast crate of celery.

"Well, well," he said. "Nice morning. Think I'll have a light ale."

"I'm sorry, sir, but I've told you..." the landlord began.

Henry gestured towards the celery. "But I do deal in the market," he said.

"But no one would serve him. 'Fraid I'll have to ask you to leave," said the landlord, and moved round from the counter. Henry declined to go. He was pushed towards the door. "And here's your shopping," someone said, handing the celery to him.

Henry threw it down on the floor. He was edged through the doors on to the pavement. When he tried to force his way back, a policeman was called from Bow Street.

THE LETTER

AN hour or two later, Henry was brought into the dock of Mr. Bertram Reece's court. He was still immaculate, but behind his rimless spectacles his eyes were alive with fury.

Answering the charge of using insulting behaviour, he said: "I plead not guilty and demand that I see my solicitors." The case was remanded.

On another day, Henry came back. All alone. No solicitor to speak for him. And now, instead of fury, there was abasement in his demeanour. He shyly handed across a letter for the magistrate to read. In it, he asked if he might change his plea to one of guilty.

Mr. Reece read Henry's note. Then he said, thinking of the case of celery, no doubt: "You've put yourself to a lot of expense. Don't you think it was very stupid?"

NEW HOUSES FOR FIRE VICTIMS Foundation Ceremony This Morning

In a brief ceremony at the cleared Shek Kip Mei fire site this morning, the Director of Public Works, Hon. T. L. Bowring, OBE, placed the first batch of concrete which will be part of the foundation for the first block of houses to be erected for the Christmas night fire victims.

Fate Of Govt In Balance

Fanfani To Make Policy Statement

Rome, Jan. 26.

The fate of the week-old Italian Government of Professor Amintore Fanfani hangs on his policy statement to Parliament today.

As his Christian Democrat (Catholic) Cabinet put the finishing touches to the declaration last night, it was still far from certain the Government would win an inaugural vote of confidence from both chambers.

Professor Fanfani, leader of the left wing of the Catholic Party, formed a new government after a fortnight of crisis following the resignation of Signor Giuseppe Pella.

His Government does not control a majority in either chamber. Indications are that its existence may depend on large numbers of abstentions.

The Chamber of Deputies is expected to vote early next week after a debate spread over several days.

WILL RESIGN? If the lower house rejects the confidence motion the Government will resign at once. If it approves it, Signor Fanfani must still win an absolute majority in the Senate. The vote in the upper house is not expected before the end of the first week of February.

The other parties will decide their attitude after hearing the Government programme. Professor Fanfani is expected to announce a bold spending programme designed to give low cost houses to the 218,000 families still living in caves and shanties and to work to many of the 4,000,000 unemployed and some of the two million totally unemployed.

But to restore the right-wing Christian Democrat members of his Cabinet he is expected also to guarantee defence of the present value of the lira.

It is thought likely that, to provide funds for his social projects, he will announce vigorous action against tax evasion.

It has been estimated that evaders defraud the Government of some 300,000 million lire (about £173 million) a year equivalent to one-eighth of the entire budget. — China Mail Special.

Panchen Lama Given A Car

Calcutta, Jan. 25.

The Chinese Communist Government has presented Tibet's Panchen Lama with a British-made Hummer limousine bought in Hongkong.

The car, painted yellow because it is the only colour the Lama is permitted to use, was shipped to Calcutta where it was taken by road to Kalimpong, Indian centre for trade with Tibet. There it will be dismantled and carried 200 miles to the leader's monastery at Higate by porters. — France-Press.

Control Points Tightened Up

Moscow, Jan. 25.

British control points on communication lines in the Buz Canal zone have been tightened up because of recent incidents. Cars and local inhabitants were once more being searched at check points along the road between here and Port Said.

Systematic searches of this kind had been discontinued last July. — France-Press.

In doing so, Mr. Bowring, addressing the gathering, said: "Exactly one month ago today, I visited this site and was deeply distressed to see the desolation and suffering brought about by the disastrous fire which broke out the previous night. But I was not despondent for two reasons. Firstly, from past experience I knew how well the people of Hongkong, when called upon, can meet an emergency. Secondly, because at a meeting held at Government House on the morning after the fire, His Excellency the Governor directed my department together with the voluntary assistance of the Royal Engineers, to start on the work of clearing the devastated area, the levelling of the ground, the provision of drainage and roads and the erection of houses for the fire victims. I well knew, at that time, that this team would rise to the occasion. Government's orders were precise. They wanted prompt and energetic action. Within 24 hours this job which the army calls 'Operation Boxer Day' and which Government has termed 'Shek Kip Mei Reconstruction' was well underway."

But before telling you what we are going to do, I would like to express my thanks both to the fire victims themselves and to the Kailongs for their wonderful co-operation. Without it, the work of clearing and levelling the site could not have been carried out so quickly and expeditiously as it has been done.

Plaintiffs, East Asia Steam Laundry and Dyeing Factory, of 523-525 Hennessy Road, who claimed that defendant was in unlawful possession as trespasser, were represented by Mr. W. C. R. Carr. Mr. Francis Wong appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Carr informed the Court that Mr. Wong had agreed that the premises in question were new premises and not subject to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. The Defence raised under the Tenancy (Prolonged Duration) Ordinance of 1953, he added.

Mr. Sai-chong, managing partner of the plaintiff firm said he rented No. 525 Hennessy Road, ground floor, in August last year. He paid \$1,100 as rental for Nos. 523 and 525 Hennessy Road, ground floor. He also paid a sum of money as construction fee.

Witness said he came to a verbal agreement with the defendant on the letting of the cockloft at No. 525. The terms were that defendant was to pay a deposit of \$1,000 and rental at \$280 per month. The deposit was to be returned upon the premises.

TENURESHIP Witness said he told defendant that he would rent the cockloft to him for a period of six months or as the most a year, to which defendant agreed.

It was the intention of both parties that upon payment of the deposit a written agreement embodying the terms of tenancy should be drawn up and signed. He received a total of \$900 in two payments from the defendant on account of the deposit, witness continued.

In his absence the defendant paid \$280 as rental to a folk who was not authorised to accept the money. No other payment was received by him, said witness, adding that he instructed his solicitor on September 12 to give notice to defendant to quit the premises.

Hearing is continuing.

Wants Action Against Spain A French Socialist Deputy announced today he would question the Government in Parliament on the policy it intends to follow concerning Franco Spain.

M. Arthur Conte charged that Gen. Franco's Government had once again revealed its unfitness to administer the French territory, the Spanish Deputy said. — France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'll be at the hairdresser's till five. Could you keep him after school if he's disobedient—and he always is?"

Laundry Claims For Cockloft

A claim for possession of the cockloft of No. 525 Hennessy Road, ground floor, was brought against Ng Yuet-chau before Judge J. Reynolds in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Plaintiffs, East Asia Steam Laundry and Dyeing Factory, of 523-525 Hennessy Road, who claimed that defendant was in unlawful possession as trespasser, were represented by Mr. W. C. R. Carr. Mr. Francis Wong appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Carr informed the Court that Mr. Wong had agreed that the premises in question were new premises and not subject to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. The Defence raised under the Tenancy (Prolonged Duration) Ordinance of 1953, he added.

Mr. Sai-chong, managing partner of the plaintiff firm said he rented No. 525 Hennessy Road, ground floor, in August last year. He paid \$1,100 as rental for Nos. 523 and 525 Hennessy Road, ground floor. He also paid a sum of money as construction fee.

Witness said he came to a verbal agreement with the defendant on the letting of the cockloft at No. 525. The terms were that defendant was to pay a deposit of \$1,000 and rental at \$280 per month. The deposit was to be returned upon the premises.

TENURESHIP Witness said he told defendant that he would rent the cockloft to him for a period of six months or as the most a year, to which defendant agreed.

It was the intention of both parties that upon payment of the deposit a written agreement embodying the terms of tenancy should be drawn up and signed. He received a total of \$900 in two payments from the defendant on account of the deposit, witness continued.

In his absence the defendant paid \$280 as rental to a folk who was not authorised to accept the money. No other payment was received by him, said witness, adding that he instructed his solicitor on September 12 to give notice to defendant to quit the premises.

Hearing is continuing.

Wants Action Against Spain A French Socialist Deputy announced today he would question the Government in Parliament on the policy it intends to follow concerning Franco Spain.

HK INDIANS CELEBRATE THEIR NATIONAL DAY

"We are all the Children of the same India and I have no doubt that our community will progress rapidly and with greater unity in the coming period," said Mr. P. R. S. Mani, Commissioner for India in Hongkong, when he addressed a large gathering on the fourth anniversary of the Republic of India at the Sikh Temple this morning.

Prior to making his address, Mr. Mani read messages from the President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and India's Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

All the speeches were read in English and Hindustani. Loud applause followed the reading of both messages from India's leaders, and the large courtyard in front of the temple resounded with "Vai Hind" (Victory to India) when Mr. Mani concluded his address.

Prior to hearing Mr. Mani, all those present attended a religious service at the temple. Refreshments were served after the ceremony.

Mr. Mani said in part: As the first Indian Representative to Hongkong, I am particularly proud to participate with you all in today's celebrations. While we joyously celebrate this fourth anniversary of our Republic, our thoughts naturally go first to the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who led us to victory nearly seven years ago in our unique struggle for freedom. More than ever now when there is talk of new military arrangements, we as Indians have to reinforce our faith in Gandhiji's teachings. We have to resurrect the indomitable courage and the unconquerable spirit that Gandhiji taught us during our struggle for freedom.

We are a nation of nearly 500 millions and have no doubt that under the leadership of our beloved Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, we shall be able to resist any encroachment on our freedom.

UNITED VOICE Wherever we are, whether in India or Hongkong, we have to be united and speak with one voice. In unity lies our strength and in courage lies our success. It was only when we were divided that foreigners conquered our country. That lesson is always before us. If our community in Hongkong is united, what will be our position with the rest of the population in this Colony? We should sink all personal differences and become united and a well organised community so that our prestige and position will rise rapidly.

Our community has built up a good name after years of hard work and we should not just throw it away because of any disagreement among us. Ever since I came here nearly ten months ago, I have closely watched the growth of our community and noticed its increasing understanding, friendliness and co-operation among its members. Particularly with pride I noticed the strong feelings of patriotism of all our countrymen, whether they be Parsees, Hindus, Muslims or Sikhs. We are all the Children of the same India and I have no doubt that our community will progress rapidly and with greater unity in the coming period. What must also remember that abroad we are all regarded as Indians and not as belonging to particular religions or particular parts of India. Though some of us may have different views in relation to various problems in India, we must remember that abroad we are all regarded as Indians and not as members of any particular Indian organisation or party.

ACHIEVEMENTS On an occasion like this, it is natural for us to look back upon the past and estimate what we have been able to achieve in our country over since our independence in 1947. We had to contend with millions of refugees and although we have not totally solved the problems resulting therefrom, we have certainly achieved some success and a great progress. We have made a stable democracy and there has been good peace in our country during these seven years. Our people have acted with great discipline and much enthusiasm.

Visitors to our country have frequently exclaimed: "The remarkable progress we have made in our industries, in our river valleys, in providing more power, and irrigation to our people, in providing more schools and hospitals, and in generally raising the standards of living of our people. We have largely solved our food problem, and nature has been so bountiful to us."

We must remember that our country is a large country from the Himalayas to the Indian Ocean, and

with a major proportion of our 350 million people in a state of living much below the standards in Western countries. We are pledged to raise the living standards of our people and while in Hongkong we luxuriatingly enjoy all the comforts of modern civilization, we must remember those poor millions in India who have very little.

GIGANTIC PROBLEMS Our gigantic problems are not solved in a year or two but scores of years. If we keep up the progress we have made so far and the enthusiasm of our people for building up a great welfare state in India continues unabated, the first signs of our rapid progress can soon be felt. But it does not mean that we have no problems. We have gigantic problems to contend with but there is no doubt that our leaders will be able to surmount them with the assistance and co-operation of our dynamic people.

Finally, I should like to mention one matter in relation to our office here. To us as Indians, we are all Indians of whatever profession, of whatever age and of whatever province—all are the same to us. We welcome all our countrymen to visit us and establish personal contact with us. We shall certainly feel honoured by your visits whether you have any particular problem or not. We are never too busy to be unable to see our countrymen.

Australia Day

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grant have attended a reception this morning at the home of the Australian Trade Commissioner, Mr. H. C. Menzies, to celebrate Australia Day.

There will be another reception at the Hongkong Club this evening. HMAS Sydney, units of the Royal Navy and the USN, the Australian sailing United States station ship in Hongkong, were dressed overall for the occasion.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at 2.5.0. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office. Small further notice, the latest times of posting for articles to Europe (U.K. etc.), Africa, Middle East, Pakistan and India will be as follows: Monday, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. (India at 9 a.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.)

Kyoto's Record Snowfall

Tokyo, Jan. 26. The ancient capital of Kyoto was experiencing its heaviest snowfall in 73 years.

The snow, which began falling yesterday afternoon and still continuing, had piled up to 10 inches at 9 o'clock this morning, Kyoto news agency reported.

Traffic in the city and nearby districts was virtually paralysed. The previous record snowfall of 12½ inches was in 1880. — Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 0. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 1.30. A Sport Concert by Australian Artists; 2.30. BBC Bandstand; 3.30. The Coldstream Guards conduct the National Anthem (BBC); 4.30. Weather Report; 7. Time Signal; 7.30. The British Overseas Service; 8.30. The British Overseas Service; 9.30. The British Overseas Service; 10.30. The British Overseas Service; 11.30. The British Overseas Service; 12.30. The British Overseas Service.

Offence By Sampan Owner

Lai Lo, 19, master of a passenger sampan, was fined \$50 or two weeks' hard labour by Mr. A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of conveying women for the purpose of prostitution.

The Police said that when the sampan was intercepted last night in Yau-mai Bay, two women dressed in modern style were found on board. They admitted to the Police in the presence of defendant that they intended to go to a steamer in Yau-mai Bay for the purpose of prostitution.

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